

THE RUMFORD CITIZEN.

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PRICE THREE CENTS.

MID-WINTER SALE.

Great Bargains at Rumford Falls Stores.

With this week's issue of the CITIZEN begins a great mid-winter, and after holiday sale of merchandise in many of the large stores at Rumford Falls. A study of our advertising pages will pay the reader, for all sorts and kinds of bargains are being offered. Special attention is directed to the Morris Marx, E. K. Day and George A. Peabody Co., and H. L. Steinfeld announcements in the Dry and Fancy goods and novelty lines.

The great sale of clothing that starts at this time in the Gonyea Bros. and Israelson stores is without doubt, one of the greatest opportunities for saving money, that has ever been offered at Rumford Falls.

The CITIZEN cannot undertake to advise its readers in any special sense, but in a general way we do advise a close perusal of the various advertisements, and above all, an inspection of these offerings. We believe the advertisers in the CITIZEN to be thoroughly reliable, and always able to show the goods and prices they announce in our columns.

A DELIGHTFUL CONCERT

At the Universalist Church Sunday Evening.

"The Prince of Peace," a sacred cantata by John Spencer Camp, was sung by the choir of the Universalist church Sunday evening.

The cantata narrates in song the birth of Christ, taking up the events prior to Christ's birth and ending with the "Angels' Song." "Glory to God is the highest, peace on earth, good will to men." This last chorus ends with the familiar "Coronation," in which the immense audience joined.

Between three and four hundred people attended the services and the capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost. The service was opened with the usual order of worship and brief remarks by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Webster, followed by prayer by Rev. A. R. Bisbee.

Wynifred Staples Smith was the soloist of the evening, and Mrs. F. E. Reddell, Mrs. Harry Ladd, Miss Claudia Priest, Lewis Irish and Mr. Testier also had solo parts. Some of the singers in the chorus were as follows: Soprano, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. F. O. Walker, Mrs. Harry L. Chadbourne, Miss Susie Virgin, Miss Eva Osgood, Miss Ella Parlett; alto, Mrs. F. E. Reddell, Mrs. Harry Ladd, Miss Claudia Priest; tenor, A. E. Davis, John Greene, Fred N. Smith; bass, Lewis Irish, Elisha Pratt, Mr. Testier, Mr. Gilchrist. Organist, Arthur F. Cushman.

"The Prince of Peace" is a musical drama and the rendition given by the choir was excellent.

FIRE AT RUMFORD CENTER.
The saw mill of Scribner Bros. and Howell at Rumford Center was totally destroyed by fire last Monday night. The loss was \$24,000 with no insurance.

WORTH FIFTY CENTS.
Morris Marx has an interesting advertisement on page eight of this issue. Get that advertisement out. It is worth 50c. Read the advertisement and it will explain.

PIANOS.
For cash or on easy payments we have:
Mohl & Son, Ivers and Pond, Sterling, Regent, Keller and others.

If thinking of buying a piano, get our prices before closing a sale.

E. J. RIGBY,
Representing
Cressey & Allen, Portland,
Room 5, Cates Block,
Rumford Falls.

SCOTTISH DANCERS.

Clan Chisholm Celebrate the New Year.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Clan Chisholm gave a New Year's ball at the McMenamin Hall Monday night. About sixty couples participated in the event, and enjoyed a grand good time.

As the old year ticked away and the same measured beat of the pendulum ushered in the infant year of 1907 the Scottish lads and lasses sang the famous highland song, "The Guid New Year."

Bag pipe music for the Scottish dances was furnished by Mann and Campbell, and for the regular order by Rolfe and Perry's orchestra. Mr. A. Thompson was master of ceremonies. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake, Bowers & Vallec, caterers. A happier New Year gathering would have been hard to find in Rumford.

MEDICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

Rumford and Mexico Physicians Unite. Uniform Fees.

As a result of many conferences during the past two years, and following in the lead of other towns, the physicians of Rumford and Mexico have united and established a uniform schedule of fees.

At different times the doctors have met and discussed this and other matters, and the culmination came Saturday night when the Rumford and Mexico Medical Society was formed. Every physician in the two towns was enrolled. Meetings will be held the second Saturday in each month, at such places as may from time to time be selected. Questions of special interest to the profession will be discussed, also general topics.

Such an organization is capable and of great usefulness and bids fair to benefit both the profession and the public. The schedule of fees agreed upon advances the office and day calls as well as the long distance calls. This in advance they feel is justified by the general condition of business, as well as by the example set by physicians elsewhere in the state.

In another column appears a notice signed by all the doctors, setting forth the special changes made in prices for services.

The officers of the society are: Pres., Dr. C. M. Bisbee; Vice-Pres., Dr. H. J. Binford; Sec. and Treas., Dr. W. P. Hutcheson. Executive Committee, Dr. Eugene M. McCarthy, F. E. Wheel, L. O. Lesieur.

ACCIDENT NEW YEAR MORNING.

Thomas Berube, employed at the Continental Bag Mill, started the new year with an accident at the mill Tuesday morning about eight o'clock. He got his hand caught in the press machine and mangled it badly. The victim was hurried to a physician's office where the hand was dressed. It will be some weeks before Mr. Berube can resume his work.

OBITUARY.

Thelma, daughter of Albert D. Virgin and Minnie Maxwell Virgin of Mexico, died Thursday morning, Dec. 27th after an illness of several weeks. She was about five years old and a very sweet child, beloved by a large circle of relatives and friends. She was one of two daughters, Emma being a couple of years her junior.

The funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock in the Congregational church, and were conducted by Rev. A. G. A. Martin of the Methodist church of Rumford Falls. Mrs. Wynifred Staples Smith of Carthage sang very beautifully a solo from "The Resurrection." Two selections were also sung by the quartette with Arthur F. Cushman of Rumford Falls as organist. A large audience of sympathizing friends assembled in the church. The funeral tributes were many and beautiful. The interment was in the Mexico cemetery.

WANTED.—Girls to work in toothpick mill at Dixfield. Clean work and good pay. Apply to C. E. FREEMAN, Sup't., Dixfield, Me. 25-1m.

other playing on the floor, or looking through the window or sitting on the lap, gazing into the face of the mother.

Your wise mother is not given to worrying over trifles. She does not expect perfection in a day. And she has put from her, as far as the east is from the west, the ghastly possibility of setting vanity up in the room of love. So she does not begin with exhaustive attention to the multitude of etiquette, knowing that way lies the danger of making her boys prigs and her girls self-conscious society misses before they are in their teens. She lays down as the laws of her household the broad principles of respect for elders, reverence for women, kindness for all; and she permeates the home atmosphere with the finest conceptions of the difference and sympathy due from soul to soul. Her children very early delight to place a chair for grandmother and to save father steps. They learn to be proud of that restraint which enables them to keep self in the background, and to defer to brother and sister. It never enters their heads that servants are less worthy of respect than other people. They are unabashed in the presence of wealth and power as they are to tender toward suffering and poverty. When she teaches them from time to time her code of manners—and she is careful to perfect it according to her best judgment—she teaches it for home use, and it becomes fixed by becoming natural.

Happy Homemaking.
Successful and happy homemaking has been and will continue to be an interesting problem. McCall's Magazine, touching upon the subject, gives forth the following suggestions:

Learn to govern yourself and be gentle and patient.
Guard your tempers, especially in seasons of ill health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayer and a sense of your own shortcomings and errors.

Remember that valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable.

Do not expect too much from others, but remember that we should forbear and forgive as we often wish forbearance and forgiveness ourselves.

Never retort a sharp or angry word. It is the second word that makes the quarrel.

Beware of the first disagreement. Learn to say kind and pleasing things, whenever opportunity offers.

Study the characters of each, and sympathize with all in their troubles, however small.

Avoid moods and pets and fits of sulks.

Learn to deny yourself and prefer others.

Making a Home.

It seems a pity that the young woman who is about to establish a home and has the money to spend for its garnishing can not be persuaded from laying it out all at once. She robs herself of so much future enjoyment. The spick and span acts of furniture which are carelessly ordered from an upholsterer, and carried home and stood around her parlors by his men, will never afford her half the satisfaction she can get in a room in which today, she buys a chair, and next week, seeing there must be a table to accompany the chair, she starts on a fresh shopping excursion, and finds a table which is exactly what she is looking for; and in another month, discovering the need of a bookcase or screen, she has again the delight of the hunt, and the gratification of obtaining the prettiest screen and bookcase in the city.

Such a room is a growth, a gathering together of household treasures little by little, and piece by piece. Each article, bought only when the need arises or when something is happily found to just meet the need, will have a family history which makes it an entertaining as well as a valuable possession. Each couch and footstool is an achievement; each rug and curtain represents a triumph. Such a home built up gradually, with careful planning in each part, with thought and loving consideration in all its details, acquires a meaning far deeper than could be purchased by the longest purse from the most fashionable cabinet maker.

Quiet Lives.

Some lives of women are spent in the fierce blaze of publicity, but they are very seldom the happier for it. The great majority of us spend quiet lives in obscure places, sharing the common lot, which implies hard work and much care, with the cheer of home love, with the prattle of children, with ordinary joys and fears and days of rest and recreation now and then, says an exchange.

ISRAELSON'S

Saturday morning, Jan. 5, 1907 marks the beginning of our

GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL

Mark Down Sale when all our Fall and Winter Goods will be offered at such reductions as will effect quick selling.

Our policy is to have two sales each year, July and January, as we do not wish to carry over goods from one season to another and in order to accomplish this, prices are marked 1-4 to 1-3 less than regular. Every article bears our usual guarantee.

Sale ends Saturday night January 12th.

No goods charged during this sale.

Semi-Annual mark down sale on Suits, Overcoats & Trousers.



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Suits Value \$8.50

Suits in fancy worsteds and Scotchies, in both single and double breasted, all cut in the new lengths, and a perfect fit guaranteed. \$10.00, 12.00 and \$13.50 values, At this sale \$8.50

Suits Value \$10.00

High grade suits of cassimeres and fancy worsteds, in regular and stouts, sizes from 34 to 46—every garment a perfect fit. Regular prices \$14.00 and \$15.00, Special at this sale \$10.00

Suits Value \$12.50

Suits in worsteds, in new stripes and overplaid, and Scotchies and cassimeres, hand tailored, broad shoulders, fit to perfection. Regular price \$16.00 and \$18.00, At this sale \$12.50



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Suits Value \$15.00

Adler and Kuppenheimer's best suits, fine custom tailoring, all the best English worsteds, cassimeres and Scotchies, in stripes and overplaid. An opportunity to buy a fine tailor made garment on a great saving. \$20.00 and \$22.00 suits, \$15.00

Overcoats Value \$8.50

Overcoats in Black and Gray Meltons, Kerseys, and fancy Scotchies both in the short, 44 in. and the long, 52 in. coats. Regular prices \$10.00 12.00 and \$13.50. Special at this sale, \$8.50

Overcoats Value \$12.50

Form fitting overcoats, also the long, loose effect, every coat equal to tailor made, in gray, black and fancy. Good values at \$16.00 and \$18.00. Special at \$12.50

Special in Underwear

32 Day all wool underwear, in gray, all styles, shirts and drawers, regular price \$1.00, At this sale 50 cts.

Hosiery Special

Men's black and gray hose in wool and cassimeres, regular price 25 cent quality, Special at this sale, 3 pairs for 50c

Extra Shirt Value

Men's shirts of our famous "Gold Brand", regular price \$1.50, Special at \$1.00

Bargains in Gloves

Men's Mocha gloves, lined, regular value \$1.00 At this sale 50c

Special Mark Down on Sweaters

Men's \$5.00 high neck sweaters \$4.00
Men's 4.00 high neck sweaters 3.00
Men's 3.00 high neck sweaters 2.25
Men's 2.00 high neck sweaters 1.50
Special value in Men's \$3.50 coat sweaters at 2.50

Soft Hat Bargains

"Hawes" \$3.00 soft hats \$2.25
"Suffolk" 2.50 2.00
All new styles and new colors.

Neglee Flannel Shirts

150 Grades, all colors 1.00

Fur Coats and Fur lined coats at a big reduction.

ISRAELSON'S

Raincoats Value \$12.50

Pure worsted raincoats, venetian lined and hand made collars, broad shoulders. Coat worth \$16.00, or this sale, \$12.50

Overcoats Value \$10.00

Black and Gray Kerseys and Meltons in gray and black, cut 44 inches long, silk velvet collars, form fitting, also the loose 52 inch coats. Regular prices \$14.00 and \$15.00, Special at this sale, \$10.00

Overcoats Value \$15.00

Adler and Kuppenheimer overcoats cut in up-to-date lengths and form fitting, in Kersey and Meltons in black and gray, every coat hand made. \$20.00 and \$22.00 grades, At this sale \$15.00

Men's Trousers

Men's Trousers in the new stripes and colorings.
\$5.00 grade selling at \$4.00
4.00 grade selling at 3.00
3.00 grade selling at 2.25
2.00 grade selling at 1.65

Boys' and Children's

Boys' and children's suits and overcoats in all styles to fit a boy 3 to 16 years of age. 1-4 off regular price.

Extraordinary Special Sale of Interest to Ladies

We have decided to discontinue carrying Ladies' and Misses' footwear as we need the room for our other lines, and in order to close them out quickly, shall sell them at very below regular prices. The lines are all new, as this department was only started a year ago.

Dorothy Dodd \$4.00 shoes in patent leather, all styles, \$3.25
Dorothy Dodd, Gun metal calf in lace, and Blucher heavy waterproof soft, all sizes \$3.50 grade at \$3.00
Dorothy Dodd \$3.00 shoes and Oxfords in patent leather, kid and gun metal, all styles and sizes \$2.50
All \$2.50 shoes and Oxfords \$2.00
All 2.00 shoes and Oxfords \$1.50
All 1.50 shoes and Oxfords \$1.25
Rubbers, oxfords, and everything in ladies' footwear at reduced prices.

THE ANDOVER SECTION

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF ANDOVER AND VICINITY.

No effort will be spared to make this page of interest and value to the people of Andover. Your co-operation is solicited.

Send us your subscription and see what we will have to say of interest to Andover people during the next twelve months.

Gauthier & Meehan
FURNITURE DEALERS
and AGENTS for
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A large stock of stoves and ranges. Stoves Warranted.

After a 30 days' trial, if not satisfactory we will exchange for a new one.
Old stoves taken in exchange.

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Rumford Falls Dye House,

O. A. ANCTIL, Proprietor.

FINE TAILORING
IS OUR SPECIALTY

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We Repair, Cleanse and Press Clothing Neatly and Promptly.

LADIES' GARMENTS CLEANSSED, DYED AND PRESSED.

WE GUARANTEE SATISFACTION.

7 Congress Street,
Rumford Falls, Maine.

The New 5 and 10 cent
NOVELTY STORE

Corner Congress and Bridge
Streets, McMennamin Block

Is now open. You will find a great many useful as well as ornamental articles which can be bought for 5 and 10 cents. This is the only strictly 5 and 10 cent store in the city of Rumford Falls and you are invited to call and examine the stock whether you intend purchasing or not.

Our aim is to make this the 5 and 10 cent Emporium of Oxford county.

We shall carry everything that can be sold in a 5 and 10 cent store and respectfully solicit your patronage.

Geo. B. McMennamin,
Prop.

Dr. Leslie and Edwin Noble had an interesting experience last Thursday. They started for the doctor's office at Rumford Point and when about two miles below South Andover, they saw a small deer in front of them. The deer allowed them to drive up to within 200 ft. of him and then trotted slowly down the road. The doctor's coach dog soon caught sight of the deer and gave chase, and, although the deer increased its speed until running as fast as it could, the dog caught up with it easily. The deer then turned and attacked the dog, striking at it furiously with its fore feet, fortunately not hitting it but driving it out into the deep snow; then it turned and trotted back up the road and to within 10 feet of the horses, which had been stopped during the fight. There it stood for at least half a minute seemingly daring them to come on and fight; then it gave a leap into the snow and bounded away across the fields to the woods, where it turned, looked back and slowly walked away.

The Andover Orchestra held a very enjoyable dance in Union Hall last Tuesday evening, January 1st. A large number were present and all passed a delightful evening.

J. Irving French is out of the woods for a few days, suffering with one of Job's comforters.

Harrison Amber returned to Kent's Hill last Wednesday.

Cabot Lodge, No. 117, K. of P., held their semi-annual election of officers last Friday night. The following officers were elected: Chancellor Commander, Fred Milton; Vice-Chancellor, James Robertson; Prelate, Louis Hall; Master of Work, Chester Learned; Keeper of Records and Seal, Louis Akers; Master of Finance, L. M. Hewey; Master of Exchequer, Frank Newton; Inner Guard, L. Glover; Outer Guard, Fred Hutchins. The installation of officers will be held Friday evening, January 4th.

Owen Smith of Mexico was in town last week buying furs.

John Bailey conducted the services at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Milton has gone to visit friends in Boston and vicinity. She will probably be gone for several months.

Mr. Frank Perry has returned to his home in Somerville, Mass.

Notwithstanding the heavy storm of Christmas evening, a goodly crowd was present at the meeting of the Universalist Society, held at Mrs. Sidney Abbott's. A very pleasant evening was spent with games, music, etc.

Mrs. Frank Roberts and son visited Mrs. Roberts' brother, S. P. Rand, last Sunday.

R. A. Grover is hauling birch for his mill.

Miss Bertha Poor is assisting B. L. Akers in the post office.

Frank Newton is helping Harry Thomas with his sealing.

Roy Cox, while working on a landing at Morton's camp, was so unfortunate as to have a log roll onto his hand, crushing the index finger of his left hand. Fortunately no bones were broken, although the tendon was crushed.

There are six cases of whooping cough at Joe Sandy's camp at the foot of Black Mountain.

Bartlett's Mill on the west side of the Ellis will start up next week, giving employment to some 15 men from now until June 1st. They expect to cut sixteen cords of birch into spool stock. Bert Akers has been engaged as cook.

Miss Florence E. Perkins of East Andover has entered the training school for nurses at the Clinton Hospital, Clinton, Mass.

Ira Bodwell, son of Neal Bodwell, met with a peculiar and painful accident last Saturday. He was winding a spring top when the spring became detached in some way causing the hook-like end to penetrate deeply into the base of the index finger of his right hand. He was taken to Dr. Leslie's office where it was found necessary to file off the spring and cut the hook from his hand.

There was a meeting of the Andover Band last Saturday night.

Henry L. Poor has been hauling wood for George Newton this week.

Food don't digest! Because the stomach lacks some one of the essential digestants or the digestive juices are not properly balanced. Then, too, it is this undigested food that causes sourness and painful indigestion. Kodol For Indigestion should be used for relief. Kodol is a solution of vegetable acids. It digests what you eat, and corrects the deficiencies of the digestion. Kodol conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold here by Bowers & Yallos.

DIXFIELD ITEMS.

The Happenings of the Week
as gathered by the Citizen
Reporter.

Miss Ina Edmunds returned Tuesday to the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics after spending the holidays at home.

Charles G. Street of Brooklyn is in town this week on business.

Mrs. George May was in Rumford Falls shopping this week.

Mrs. Small of West Paris is the guest of her son, Walter Small and wife, this week.

Communion will be observed at the Free Baptist church next Sunday morning.

George Marsh is able to be out again after his recent illness.

Charles Towle of Rumford Falls spent Sunday at home.

The Baptist Circle met with Mrs. Thomas Jewell Thursday afternoon to sew for the Easter sale that they are planning to give.

Frank Brown of Carthage has recently moved his family to Dixfield.

Prof. George Bartlett of Pratt Institute, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Susan Bartlett, has returned to Brooklyn.

Mrs. Newton Stowell entertained the Whist Club Tuesday night and a very pleasant evening was passed with the cards.

Rev. Harry Daniels was in Rumford Falls Monday.

Prof. Leonard of Bates College will lecture on "Martin Luther and the Reformation," Thursday evening of this week.

Harold Marsh and James Sturtevant returned to Bowdoin College Tuesday, after a ten days' vacation at their homes.

Mrs. Daniels returned Thursday from a visit in Alton Bay, N. H.

John Hutchinson of Weld visited in town Sunday.

Haynes Bros. of Mexico are papering W. G. Harlow's new house on Weld street.

About thirty young people enjoyed a sleigh ride to East Dixfield last Friday night and attended the drama and dance given by the local grange.

Mrs. Saphronia Stowell and her brother, Henry Stanley, have returned from a visit of several weeks in Portland and Boston.

Tuscan Lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold their installation of officers Saturday night, Jan. 5th, at the regular meeting. The officers will be installed by District Deputy George Rowe of West Peru.

Gerry Harlow expects to move into his beautiful new residence on Weld street the last of this week.

The Ladies' Aid-Society of the Universalist church met with Mrs. Viola Chase at her home on Weld street Thursday afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year were elected at this meeting.

Frank Gilchrist will move his family into the rent vacated by W. O. Harlow.

The roller skating rink was well patronized New Year's night.

Miss Edna Edmunds entertained the Gypsies Club last Thursday evening in honor of her sister, Miss Ina Edmunds of Boston.

Mrs. Mary Schofield of Weld visited Mrs. Ina Schofield and Mrs. E. S. Swett this week.

The S. P. Whist Club was entertained by Mrs. John Decker Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Harry M. Daniels will preach on "The Doctrine of Prayer" at the Universalist church next Sunday morning. In the evening Mr. Daniels will begin a series of lectures on the "Ancient Religions of the world." The lecture for Sunday evening will be on "Confucianism, The Religion of China."

Mrs. Wilder S. Chase gave a birthday dinner party Tuesday afternoon; the guests were Mrs. Harriett White, Mrs. Almira Willoughby, Mrs. S. S. Stowell, Mrs. D. L. Root and Mrs. George Holt.

John Tucker of Rumford Falls called on friends in Dixfield Tuesday.

Adelbert McIntyre and wife have taken rooms in S. L. Hammond's house on Main street.

The mid-week prayer meetings of the Baptist church are being held at the homes of the members this winter; the meeting this week will be held Friday evening at the home of J. P. Edmunds on Main street.

Work on the lighting of the streets is being carried on this week along Third, High and Mill streets.

Misses Annie Masterman and Blanche Hutchinson of Weld are working at Mauries McIntyre's boarding house, which is doing quite an extensive business.

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at prices so low

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adies' and Gentlem

AT

Tya Bros. Co.

Wednesday, January 2 and

ntil Wednesday, January

Prices Will be

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Christmas

Sale

Competition Prostrate

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0 size, 20 year case, Waltham

\$11.99

18 sizes, full jewelled 20 year

\$9.99

17 Jewels Waltham 20 year

\$11.37

Solid gold chain and K. T. Chain, regular price \$36.00
Chains with diamond chips now \$29.00
10 k solid rope chain and solid 10 k chain K. T. or locket, regular price \$26.00 now \$21.00

Call and see the largest and best selected stock in town. Why do you cut prices so? Mills on short time, no water, high rents, landlords get all the money and of course I want the working man to have the benefit of these cheap prices.

All goods in stock, can't say how long they will last.
"First come first served."

N. B. These goods are all paid for. I don't need the money. Only I want you to get the goods at right prices.

Very lovingly,

F. F. BARTLETT

Rumford Falls, Me.

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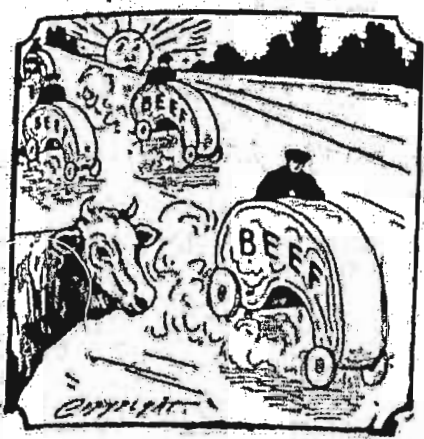
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Go to V. A. LINNELL and get

the BEST. It is RUBEROID.

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Rumford Falls.



WE'RE AHEAD

In the beef race because we handle nothing but the best prime cattle. Not tough old cows, but young healthy steers raised especially

FOR BEEF

There's as much difference between our meat and that of others as there is between day and night. Put your teeth in a piece of steak or roast from here and you'll never want any other butcher. We know.

COBB BROS.,

Rumford Falls,
Maine.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
SEASON

Please do not forget to call at
**REYNOLD'S NEW
DRUG STORE**
Ridgelyville

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Christmas Post Cards,
W. M. Baker's Chocolates,
Eastman's Kodaks,
or a Fancy Calendar.

We have our usual fine stock
Medicines, Fancy and Toilet
Articles, Perfumes, Plain and
Fancy Stationery.

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sale cheap

Agent For the Oliver type-
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Remember the place
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MERCHANT TAILORS.

Suits made to order at reasonable
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Good Fit Guaranteed.

Cleaning, Dyeing and Pressing.

BELL TAILORING COMPANY,
Rumford Falls, Maine.

Are You a Boarder? Are You a Troubler?
Listen to Me if You Are.

I HAVE BOUGHT the Stoddard Restaurant at Rumford Falls and have made it a high grade Dining Room where the men and women whose boarding house troubles have worried them into a dyspeptic condition, can come and be cured.

My Remedy
is a Bright and Cheerful Dining Hall, a CLEAN and MODERNLY EQUIPPED CUISINE, and food
Cooked so it can be eaten with relish and epicurean satisfaction.

Regular Meals (Men \$3.50) Per Week
(Women \$3.00) Week

Transients .25 per meal.
STODDARD CAFE,
Opposite Hotel Rumford.

Merle F. Burgess, Prop.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Evening Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

A SONG OF TWILIGHT.

O to come home once more, when the dusk is falling,
To see the nursery lighted and the children's table spread;
"Mother, mother, mother!" the eager voices calling,
"The baby was so sleepy that he had to go to bed!"

O to come home once more and see the smiling faces,
Dark head, bright head, clustered at the pane;
Much the years have taken, when the heart its path retraces,
But until time is not for me that image will remain.

Men and women now they are, standing straight and steady,
Grave heart, gay heart, fit for life's empire;
Shoulder set to shoulder, how should they be but ready!
The future shines before them with the light of their own eyes.

Still each answers to my call; no good has been denied me,
My burdens have been fitted to the little strength that's mine.
Beauty, pride and peace have walked by day beside me,
The evening closes gently in, and how can I repine?

But O to see once more, when the early dusk is falling,
The nursery windows glowing and the children's table spread;
"Mother, mother, mother!" the high child voices calling,
"He couldn't stay awake for you; he had to go to bed!"

Good resolutions need more winding up than an eight-day clock.

The best way to keep the boys at home is to make it an object for them not to go out to seek amusement, for these they will have. Every farm ought to be made a very heaven on earth to its inmates. Not alone the farm home either, but all the houses in the land. Learn each child's nature, and then work some home charm to keep him in your circle.

Childish rage unchecked will, after a while, become a hurricane. Childhood petulance will grow up into misanthropy. Childhood rebellion will develop into the lawlessness of riot and sedition. If you would ruin the child, dance to his every caprice and stuff him with confectionery. Before you are aware of it that boy of six years will go down the street, a cigar in his mouth, and ready on any corner with his comrades to compare pugilistic attainments. The parent who allows the child to grow up without ever having learned the great duty of obedience and submission has prepared a cup of burning gall for his own lips and appalling destruction for his descendant.

What absurd little things people quarrel about. What trivial matters cause ill-feeling in families. The mutiny being roasted too little or the beef too much; an opinion about the temperature of the house, the style of curtain that ought to be bought for the front windows; the definition of a word, its pronunciation are things that might be argued pleasantly about, but rarely are not topics worth a quarrel when peace and good will are of so much importance in the home. A little ill feeling is like a seed that may grow into a large tree which will shadow the whole house. Many men and women must look back with regret on the harsh word or the cold reproach which was the entering wedge that split the household in two, and yet how few make a point of uttering the soft word that turneth away wrath.

Every father and mother who reads this paper and have a child in the home have enough on hand. A throne, a crown, a scepter, a kingdom under charge. Be careful how you strike him across the head jarring the brain. What you say to him will be centennial and millennial, and a hundred years and a thousand years will not stop the echo and re-echo. Do not say, "It is only a child." Rather say, "It is only an immortal." It is only a masterpiece of Jehovah. It is only a being that shall outlive sun and moon and stars and ages quadrillions. God has infinite resources and He can give presents of great value, but when He wants to give the richest possible gift to a household He looks around all the worlds and all the universe and then gives a child. The greatest present that God ever gave our world He gave over nineteen hundred years ago, and He gave it on a Christmas night, and it was of such value that Heaven rejoiced for a recess and came down and broke through the clouds to look at it. Yes, in all ages God has

honored childhood. He makes almost every picture a failure unless there be a child, either playing on the floor, or looking through the window or sitting on the lap, gazing into the face of the mother.

Your wise mother is not given to worrying over trifles. She does not expect perfection in a day. And she has put from her, as far as the east is from the west, the ghastly possibility of setting vanity up in the room of love. So she does not begin with exhaustive attention to the multitude of etiquette, knowing that way lies the danger of making her boys prigs and her girls self-conscious society misses before they are in their teens. She lays down as the laws of her household the broad principles of respect for elders, reverence for women, kindness for all; and she permeates the home atmosphere with the finest conceptions of the deference and sympathy due from soul to soul. Her children very early delight to place a chair for grandmother and to save father steps. They learn to be proud of that restraint which enables them to keep self in the background, and to defer to brother and sister. It never enters their heads that servants are less worthy of respect than other people. They are unabashed in the presence of wealth and power as they are to tender toward suffering and poverty. When she teaches them from time to time her code of manners—and she is careful to perfect it according to her best judgment—she teaches it for home use, and it becomes fixed by becoming natural.

Happy Homemaking.
Successful and happy homemaking has been and will continue to be an interesting problem. McCall's Magazine, touching upon the subject, gives forth the following suggestions:

Learn to govern yourself and be gentle and patient.

Guard your temper, especially in seasons of ill health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayer and a sense of your own shortcomings and errors.

Remember that valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable.

Do not expect too much from others, but remember that we should forbear and forgive as we often wish forbearance and forgiveness ourselves.

Never retort a sharp or angry word. It is the second word that makes the quarrel.

Beware of the first disagreement. Learn to say kind and pleasing things, whenever opportunity offers.

Study the characters of each, and sympathize with all in their troubles, however small.

Avoid moods and pets and fits of sulks.

Learn to deny yourself and prefer others.

Making a Home.

It seems a pity that the young woman who is about to establish a home and has the money to spend for its furnishing can not be persuaded from laying it out all at once. She robs herself of so much future enjoyment. The spick and span sets of furniture which are carelessly ordered from an upholsterer, and carried home and stood around her parlors by the men, will never afford her half the satisfaction she can get in a room in which today, she buys a chair, and next week, seeing there must be a table to accompany the chair, she starts on a fresh shopping excursion, and finds a table which is exactly what she is looking for; and in another month, discovering the need of a bookcase or screen, she has again the delight of the hunt, and the gratification of obtaining the prettiest screen and bookcase in the city.

Such a room is a growth, a gathering together of household treasures little by little, and piece by piece. Each article, bought only when the need arises or when something is happily found to just meet the need, will have a family history which makes it an achievement; each rug and curtain represents a triumph. Such a home built up gradually, with careful planning in each part, with thought and loving consideration in all its details, acquires a meaning far deeper than could be purchased by the longest purse from the most fashionable cabinet maker.

Quiet Lives.

Some lives of women are spent in the fierce blaze of publicity, but they are very seldom the happier for it. The great majority of us spend quiet lives in obscure places, sharing the common lot, which implies hard work and much care, with the cheer of home love, with the prattle of children, with ordinary hopes and fears and days of rest and recreation now and then, says an ex-

ECHOES FROM
THE STATE HOUSE

As Recorded By Our Special Representative.

State Superintendent of Schools Under Fire—\$131,932.28 Worth of Liquor Handled Through 15 Agencies.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 1. (Special.)—Governor Cobb on Monday made public a letter from State Superintendent of schools, Stetson, asking for reappointment and for an investigation of the charges of dishonesty brought against his department. The governor stated that he "could not appoint a man under fire, as is Mr. Stetson," and that he desired an investigation by the legislature. "Mr. Stetson's boss and mine," "If Mr. Stetson comes out of the investigation with clean hands, he will be reappointed," said the governor.

Mr. Stetson, when seen in regard to the matter, said: "During the past month, I have been much in the west, assisting in the arrangements of the program for the convention of the National Superintendents' Association at Chicago in February. On the return trip, I delivered some lectures in Pennsylvania. Since my return, I have been detained at home on account of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Stetson. This is the first occasion when I have been able to be at my office for some time. In answer to the charges which have been made against me, I will refer to the letter which I have delivered to the governor."

The year's business at the State Liquor Agency was \$131,932.28, in sales at sixteen agencies. This is according to the report made by Hon. Justin M. Leavitt of Kennebunkport as State Liquor Agent, and presented to the governor and council, today: The year's sales to the different towns and cities agencies were: Lewiston, \$37,382.28; Auburn, \$17,424.94; Portland since April, \$8,743.85; Bath, \$13,829.59; Bethel, \$1,392.96; Chelsea, \$1,520.89; Farmington, \$3,043.21; Gardiner, \$5,800.61; Greenwood, \$2,347.00; Machias, \$4,360.67; Phillips, \$21,009.21; Rockland, \$10,118.23; Waterville since March, \$12,201.02; Webster, \$1,149.76; Wiscasset, \$3,140.51. Among the sales were the following:

Bethel: Whiskey, 46 gallons; brandy, 9 gallons; gin, 21 gallons; alcohol, 328 gallons; rum, 47 gallons; wine, 10 gallons; whiskey, 61 dozen quarts; porter, 4 dozen pints; ale, 8 dozen pints.

Greenwood: Whiskey, 94 gallons; gin, 21 gallons; alcohol, 231 gallons; rum, 235 gallons; whiskey, 62 dozen quarts; brandy, 2 dozen quarts; gin, 2 dozen quarts; wine, 3 dozen quarts.

Total for State: Whiskey, 11,109 gallons; brandy, 497 gallons; gin, 1,602 gallons; alcohol, 8,239 gallons; rum, 10,399 gallons; wine, 858 gallons; cherry rum, 672 gallons; whiskey, 2,839 dozen quarts; brandy, 40 dozen quarts; gin, 133 dozen quarts; champagne, 23 dozen pints; porter, 433 dozen quarts; wine, 16 dozen pints; ale, 2,016 dozen quarts; ale, 132 dozen pints; rum, 20 dozen quarts; wine, 161 dozen quarts; beer 403 dozen quarts; beer, 25 dozen pints.

The receipts, (10 per cent. of the sales,) were \$13,193.23, expenses of running the office \$4,064.20, profits turned over to state treasurer, \$859.03.

An Oxford county man figured prominently in one of the pleasant incidents of the closing year, on Monday afternoon, when Council George D. Bisbee of Rumford Falls made the presentation speech in connection with the gift of an ivory gavel from the retiring

Far reaching and most blessed influences emanate from quiet lives. If we work faithfully at our task, however humble it may be, we shall earn our wages and receive them at the end of the day. The potters and the hedgers serve the king as truly as the courtiers who stand in his presence. From many a lowly roof prayer ascends to the highest heaven. In many a tiny cottage children are born and reared to help educate the world, to fight its battles, and to gain its rewards.

May each of us be contented in her own sphere and thankful for her own piece of toil. We are where the dear Lord means us to be and with his smile on her face no woman can be lonely or sorrowful of spirit. Sadness she may indeed know, but under it overmore there will be an abiding joy.

KNOCKED OUT.

The Cote-Connolly Bout Ended in First Round. Cote Bowled. The Other Events.

The second of the series of boxing bouts under the auspices of the Pastime Athletic Club, Jack Caley manager, occurred in McMenamin hall Friday night, Dec. 28th. A goodly number were present and the very best of order prevailed.

The first event was an amateurish four round bout between Victor Lord and James Dalton. These young men were spry and sparred with considerable defensive ability, and furnished the crowd with fun. They did some hard hitting, but it was evident that they spared each other any hard face blows. Dalton got the heaviest blows and in the last round received two quite hard blows on the jaw. He was to the good in defensive tactics, and could have stood up against his opponent much longer. Lord landed the greater number of hits, but otherwise had no advantage over Dalton.

The second event was a three round bout between John Cook, who was introduced as the "Pride of Virginia," and Eddie Dargie, "The Pride of Waldo street." These men were not careful where they landed, and while the first round was without incident, the second showed some good work. Dargie got in a stunning hit on Cook's face that nearly staggered him. It brought blood, and caused a quick swelling, but Cook did not waver, and protected himself and succeeded in landing a heavy face blow on Dargie.

In the third round Dargie led the fighting, and Cook sought to keep his face out of range of Dargie's right fist. Cook showed considerable skill, and avoided punishment and made several forceful puts in which he failed to land on Dargie. Dargie reached Cook with a hard face blow, but Cook was not put out, and was fighting hard when the bell sounded.

Main Bout.

The surprise of the evening was the Cote-Connolly bout, which ended, in fact, with the first blow landed by Connolly on Cote's jaw, and officially when the bell sounded at the end of the first round.

Cote was in good form and led the sparring, and showed aptitude in avoiding Connolly's long reaches for a few passes, but suddenly Connolly got the better of him, and landed a knockout blow on his jaw that sent him sprawling. Cote was on his feet quick enough but it was evident to those near the ring that his movements were not directed by a clear brain. He seemed unable to protect himself and was almost instantly down again. He got unsteadily to his feet only to receive a blow that lifted him over the ropes and right into the arms of the spectators sitting in the front row of seats. He was lifted back into the ring and faced his opponent only to be again knocked down. Although able then to rise, he was bewildered beyond any hope of recovery, and if the bell had not sounded at that instant, another of Connolly's long reaches must have put him out.

There was some disappointment that the bout ended so quickly, but all present recognized that Cote was fairly knocked out, and that there was no fake about it in any way. Those who witnessed the bout between Connolly and Walcott a few weeks ago and saw the exhibition Friday night, realized more fully the fighting qualities of the little negro who stood up the ten rounds against the powerful blows that shot out from Connolly's right shoulder.

Jim Dalton and Jack Cook acted as seconds for Cote, and Nick Hogan and Jimmie Quinn for Connolly.

Peter Morrill was referee for the first two bouts and Napoleon Landry for the last one. The Cote-Connolly bout was to have been a twelve round fight.

About two hundred men were present to witness the affair.

When the cold winds dry and crack the skin a box of salve can save much discomfort. In buying salve look for the name on the box to avoid any imitations, and be sure you get the original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by Bowers & Vallee.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 1907.

While we do not encourage indulgences, we believe the correction of the various so-called vices of men and women are to be brought about by other means than personal pleadings, forbidings, or well meant, but generally ill advised advice.

Throughout the world no creature save man, (and in certain things it is limited to so-called civilized man,) creates conditions that beget desires that lead to debasing actions.

Man is capable of rising to great moral heights; also of descending to depths of degradation almost unbelievable. These conditions are not the result of accidents, but of fundamental causes. It then follows that the cultivation of good and correction of evil involves finding and controlling the causes.

When first discovered by Europeans, the Indians were a moral, though uncivilized people; and had none of the bad habits that disgraced the majority of Europeans who came among them. It is said today that with all the distressing conditions imposed upon the red men, they average morally far better than the white race.

The inference is that living in close touch with nature, is conducive to moral strength. Yet it is not thinkable that a wild life is better altogether than our civilized customs. To argue that is to deny virtue to the great evolutionary force in the world, as well as the wisdom in the creation. There is no doubt that in the course of thousands of centuries the immutable law would work off the dregs and scum of human life, and give the world a clean wholesome race. But in the meanwhile shall we do nothing to help the progress?

Flowers are cultivated and great and rapid improvements made in them. If they do not show proper development, the floriculturist seeks and finds the cause, and removes it—not for one plant does he do this, but for all that are afflicted with blight.

Our thought is this; instead of making ourselves obnoxious to our friends, and more or less of a social nuisance, by trying to reform a few individuals, we find and understand the causes of both good and evil, and cultivate the former and eradicate the latter, not for one or a few, but for the whole people. If the effort and money that is expended now in trying to reform individuals, was applied to removing the causes that have produced the evil of whatever kind, great permanent good would result to all instead of temporary good to a few. Whether in individual lives or the life of a nation, a relief is not a cure. If a man has an appetite for strong drink, it is useless to try to destroy that appetite by pointing out to him the virtues of some man whose nature craves no stimulant. Fundamentally the alcoholic desire is created, not by acts of the individual person, but by the conditions of life that we live under, and hereditary taints.

Good food, good homes, reasonable hours of labor, and a feeling of independent manhood is a condition out of which no drunkards are evolved. That being the case drunkenness can be cured by a system of government and business that provides the above de-

sirable conditions for all the people. Drunkenness is but one of many evils that arise from one or the other of the conditions above named.

We, then, as a New Year's thought, suggest that we all devote some time to the consideration of these matters, and see if more good resolutions cannot be made operative through the amelioration of the conditions that breed evil, and the removal of the causes for those conditions, than by giving personal and unwelcome advice to individuals whose habits may not please us. When an epidemic of yellow fever breaks out, more attention is given to correcting the cause than to curing individual cases; for it is well known that removal of the general cause will prevent new cases from developing.

Let us try and think out some way to remove the cause that creates—not in one man—but millions, the appetite for strong stimulating drinks.

The same or similar conditions produce nearly all the specific evils; and drunkenness is singled out because it is the more open and prominent of the many immoral practices.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AT AUGUSTA.

During the next three months everyone will, or should be interested in what is going on at the State Capitol and the readers of the Citizen will be pleased to know that we have engaged the services of a special representative who will be on the ground at all times during the session of the legislature, and will give us a weekly report of the proceedings, with especial reference to things of interest to the people of Oxford county. This report will be up-to-date and accurate, and we invite the attention of our readers to this special feature.

BEYOND THE DEPTH.

The capacity to credit absurdities that characterize some editors grappling with problems that are not familiar to them is aptly illustrated in the following paragraph clipped from a local contemporary, that last week essayed to "go up against" an evil so far from home as the Mormon church. Says this paper:

"And then, when a bill was introduced, providing for a law compelling the registration of all births, deaths and marriages, in Idaho, not Utah, it passed the House but was defeated in the Senate by Mormon Senators, who argued that the occasional cases of illegitimacy which occur in every community are purely personal matters, and that it is highly indelicate for the State to inquire about them."

Defeated by Mormon Senators! Indeed! How many Mormons are in the United States Senate? Are there no Methodists, Universalists or other churchmen in the Senate? At last accounts there were a very few Democrats in the Senate, and quite a good sprinkling of Republicans. If the two or three Senators affiliated with the Mormons control the United States Senate, the Republican and Democratic members of that body are surely weaklings. The absurdity of such a thing is too manifest to require refutation, and one cannot help thinking that the writer of the paragraph has dwelt so long in the "one man realm," that he sees everything through a lense that is focused upon one or two men; and that their say so is sufficient to defeat a cause, no matter how good it may be.

ASSAULT CASE.

Friday forenoon, Dec. 28th, Mike Kazla, T. Koris, Joe McClosky and Joe Alansky, were before Judge Johnson charged with assault upon Yale Sarwsky. The assault occurred in a pool room, and Sarwsky showed signs of hard usage. McCarthy appeared for the state, and Stearns for the defense. Judge Johnson imposed a fine of \$10 and costs upon each defendant. This was the limit under the law. AD-PAID.

H. L. STEINFELD, 80 Congress St., Rumford Falls, Me.**Our Great January Clearance Sale**

The most stupendous bargain event ever recorded in Rumford starts here Saturday morning **January 5th**, and will be in force until **January 16th, inclusive.**

Our stock consists of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Coats, Suits, Dresses, Millinery, Furs, Skirts, Waists, Wrappers, Corsets, Bed Blankets, Puffs, Table Linen, Towels, Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Prints, Ginghams, Outings, Lawns, Laces, Hamburgs, Boots, Shoes, Rubbers and Etc.

Every article will be sold at a **BIG DISCOUNT**, and some lots far below cost.

Our Policy is "never" to carry goods over from one season to another, and in order to accomplish this, prices have been marked at 1-4 to 1-2 less than regular.

5 Ladies' Silk Suits	Former price	\$16.00 to \$25.00
	Sale price	\$11.00 to \$17.50
18 Ladies' Suits in Black and mixtures	Former price	\$12.50 to \$21.00
	Sale price	\$8.00 to \$15.00
58 Ladies' and Misses' Coats in black, colors and plaids, this season's make and most all sizes	Former price	\$8.00 to \$20.00
	Sale price	\$5.75 to \$14.00
42 Children's Coats, sizes from 4 to 14 years of age	Former price	\$4.00 to \$10.00
	Sale price	\$2.50 to \$6.50
Children's Dresses at a discount of 25 per cent.		
Ladies' and Misses Dress and Walking Skirts	Former price	\$2.75 to \$7.50
	Sale price	\$2.00 to \$5.75
Ladies' Silk Woolen and Cotton Waists	Former price	.50 to \$7.50
	Sale Price	.38 to \$5.50
Ladies' Misses' and Children's trimmed hats at one-half price.		
Ladies' Wrappers, Dressing Sacques and Kimonas	Former price	.75 to \$2.00
	Sale price	.55 to 1.60
Ladies' and Children's Furs at 25 per cent discount.		
1 piece 60 in. wide bleached table linen .45		
	Sale price	.33 a yard
60 pieces of ribbons in short lengths and from 1 to 4 inches wide, run from 3-4 to 4 yards in length. No pieces cut. Your choice at .05 a yard.		

Corsets.	Former prices	.50, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00
	Sale prices	.42, .83, \$1.25, \$1.60
Hosiery, Gloves and Underwear	Former price	.15 to \$2.00
	Sale price	.12 to \$1.85
Ladies' and Children's Sweaters	Former price from	\$1.00 to \$4.00
	Sale price	.75 to \$3.00
Best of Standard Prints, light and dark shades at 5c. a yard during the sale.		
Ginghams.	Former price	.08, .10 and .12
	Sale price	.06, .08 and .10
Lawns and Muslins at 25 per cent discount.		
50 doz. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, plain and embroidered, during this sale		.53 a doz
All our ten cent outing flannels during the sale at .08 a yard.		
1 piece 60 in. wide bleached table linen .65		
	Sale price	.48 a yard
1 piece 65 in wide bleached table linen .85		
	Sale price	.68 a yard
5 doz. bed sheets size 81 x 90, made of good cotton, no seam in centre	For this sale	.45 each
10 doz. pillow cases 36 x 42	Sale price	.11 each
20 doz. towels 14 x 30	Sale price	.12 a pair
Lace Curtains, Door Pieces, Shelf draperies at Reduced Prices		

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January Clearing Sale.

Tuesday, January 8th, at 9 a. m.

Embracing Something from nearly every department

The Street floor holds alluring attractions in Garments, Furs, Dress Goods, Corsets, and many other lines gleaned from careful investigation and adjustment of stock.

The Basement prior to annual stock-taking offers inducements exceeding any previous event.

Some Interesting Hints From The Many Bargains.

Furs

Our entire collection of Furs are marked down to prices to ensure their exit from here; some a third off, some for one half price, some less than half.

Ladies' Suits

Ladies' suits, this season's suits that were \$22.50 and \$25.00, Choice, \$12.50
Ladies' suits that were \$18.50, 19.98 and 22.50, Sale price, \$9.98
Suits that were \$10.00 up to \$15.00, Choice, \$6.98

Children's Coats

These were \$3.98, 4.98, 5.98, 6.98, 7.50, Sale price, \$1.98, 2.98, 3.98, 3.98, 3.98
Corsets and Ferris Waists, One Half Price.

Dress Goods

Several pieces in lot, colors, green, brown, fancy and navy, Prices were \$.75, .87, .98, 1.49, Sale prices, \$.49, .39, .59, .98
Some good Bargains in Silk at Half Price.

Many things not mentioned here that you'll hear about later.

These include Muslin Underwear from White Sale, Traveling Bag's, Infants' Wear, Etc.

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CITIZEN SIGHT SEER.

The Sight Seer On Christmas Eve
Sought Quiet, But had to keep
Moving—Serious and Humorous Experiences.

On Christmas eve the sight seer avoided the stores where Christmas presents were being bought, and sought out places of business as he was loath enough to think would not be crowded, and where he could observe things in their normal condition. The police, and express company's office were loaded down with packages, and every employee was so busy that even friends were greeted as strangers. As a result of some of the loads distributed by the express company, there were individuals as well as whole companies "loaded." The sight seer regrets the necessity of making facetious remarks regarding such things, but what's a poor fellow to do when he can't think of any thing else that involves a "smile," to provoke one! Even a Sturgis deputy could not resist the temptation.

Leaving the square where the follies of men and women were so apparent, the sight seer wandered along Congress street until he saw the sign in front of Paul Normando's cafe, announcing "Lobsters served in every style." As the sight seer went to the place, the long speech of the day which makes use of the word lobster, in a very festive manner, was forcing itself upon his mind, and only by exercise of great will-power did he refrain from perpetrating several horrible jokes based upon the double meaning of the word. He begs the reader's pardon for even referring to the subject here.

to go his way without seeing the proprietor. He then bethought himself of the Bell Tailoring Company's shop, where men's garments are made and repaired. He ambled along to their place of business. There was a man who had just arrayed himself in a suit of clothes that looked new. The sight seer wishing to make a new acquaintance, and possibly a new subscriber, addressed the customer with some sort of a stereotyped remark indicating that the man had treated himself to a Christmas gift of a new suit. The poor fellow seemed somewhat taken back at first, then surveyed himself in the glass, and with a smile of contentment nodded assent. After he had gone out, his head and shoulders a little more erect than usual, and with an air of pride that was not before noticeable, the scribe remarked to the tailor in charge, "Pretty nice looking suit that fellow had." "Well, Yes," was the brief reply. "It was, for such an old worn out set of garments as he brought here to be repaired, cleaned and pressed."

The truth here was developed that while the Bell Tailoring Company do make custom suits, they also make old suits look like new, and the sight seer was surprised to find the force of men rushed up to their limit to finish renews suits and various single garments, so that their customers might appear in "brand new suits" for Christmas.

but while on the way, stopped to look in at the windows of several fire water stations, and did not complete the journey—(you smile here)—for while gazing into some of these Canal street windows, the fire alarm sounded, and the scribe gave up seeking quiet and turned his attention to the fire in Mexico, and later to the roll off in the bowling alley, where he carried off the booty prize.

THE SCHOOL SITUATION IN MEXICO.

Notwithstanding the loss of the Central school building, schools opened promptly Wednesday morning according to schedule. All of the grades have been provided with suitable quarters, being disposed of as follows: The High School and 9th grade in the Town Hall, 8th grade in the Baptist chapel, 7th and 6th grades in the Kimball school, 5th and 4th grades in the Baptist chapel, 3rd grade in the Selectmen's office, 2nd and 1st grades in Mechanic Hall.

Some of the parents have been anxious concerning the comfort of the scholars in these improvised school rooms, but every possible precaution for the warmth and general comfort of the scholars has been taken. The entire interior of the Town Hall has been sheathed and the building banked around the foundation as a protection from the wind. Two stoves have been put in and the room is warm and comfortable in every way. The other buildings have also been carefully looked after, and two new stoves have been put into Mechanic Hall and one additional stove into the Baptist chapel.

of Salem, Mass., will take Miss Varney's place as teacher of the 2nd and 3rd grades in the Kimball school. Miss Burbank will take Miss Hodsdon's place in the 2nd grade which is located in Mechanic Hall. The third teacher had not been engaged at this writing.

Much credit is due the members of the school committee for the expedition with which they have made arrangements for the accommodation of the scholars. All of the buildings that might be utilized as school rooms were generously offered by the citizens of the town and those selected were the most practicable for the purpose.

The insurance adjusters, including Mr. Boothby of Portland, were in town Monday and a very satisfactory settlement was arranged. The total amount of the loss \$3,500, will be paid promptly. About half of this amount has already been paid and checks for the remainder are expected this week.

A town meeting has been called for 12 o'clock Friday afternoon, Jan. 4th, when three articles of importance relating to the school situation are to be voted upon. These articles are given in the local items of Mexico.

The Colonel's Fate.
A doughty Kentuckian colonel, Whose watchword was "By the colonel!"
Had a son who was smart,
Yet who broke his dad's heart,
By his work on a yellow-hued jolonel.—Judge.

SOMETIME—SOMEWHERE

We are forcibly impressed with the frequent occasions one has of recalling the fact of the limitations set on the different lines of thought and action of mortal man. One need not seek far nor wait long for the proof of his weakness, when compared with Omnipotence. But the possibilities of man are worth considering, which fact has been adequately verified along many lines.

For instance,—it has been within his power to construct a machine that would utilize a great water course, and to establish an economy of labor almost incredible when considered with its wonderful products; but he cannot paint the gorgeousness of an autumnal landscape.

Man has been able to produce through much study, consummate skill and hard labor, the magnificent religious paintings that adorn the walls of the Vatican at Rome, and to win the coveted reputation by almost universal approval of "The greatest painter;" but, as the artificial lights of man to the great sun of the heavens, so are the masterpieces of the most famous painters to the great pictures which His divine skill has wrought out upon the great canvasses of the world.

Man cannot, even with the concentrated genius of his whole being, catch the sunset's changing gold and hang up before the gaze and for the admiration of thousands, without money and without price, the marvelous scenes of nature.

Of course, the more thoughtful of us and the more appreciative of God's handiwork, admire the wonderful products from the hands of the great masters of earth,—not because they are to be compared in grandeur and skill with the beauties of nature, but because of the power vested in man to wrought out upon the anvil of industry such fair imitations of the divine painter's works, and because such achievements bear eloquent testimony to the aspiring soul of man towards the ideal.

Compare the Madonnas of the great masters to the living Madonnas, duplicates of which can be found in any community. Those fair beings animated with maternal love, radiant with a never-tiring devotion, reflecting from their heart of hearts, the nearest approach to the love of God for the human soul, and how pitifully short of perfection falls the great masterpiece.

A thought worth considering in connection with this point is the fact that many geniuses of art and music have been born with, or have cultivated monstrous traits of eccentricity which were bound to manifest themselves in some of their productions in shades and tones so incongruous as not to bear any suggestion of harmony with the divine scheme of color or of melody, serving only to accentuate more forcefully the fact of the limit set to the thought and activity of man in his mortal sphere.

But we accept these productions on the merits won by the artist, and try to force ourselves, to be popular, to believe that the supreme excellence of the workmanship is simply beyond our comprehension, and we must acknowledge—verbally, not heartily—the beauty of his works.

Again, as another testimony of his finiteness, by strict adherence to the laws of hygiene, man may prolong life; and by observance of prescribed sanitary constitutions he may avoid infectious diseases, but when the tissues are already once within the subtle grasp of dissolution, however timely, under ordinary conditions, he cannot countermand the inevitable result.

Is it any wonder, then, that under this obvious and stubborn restraint we are sometimes discontented? How often under this spell we have wished we might have the power to adopt the conditions to our tastes and apparent needs, and, that, vested with infinite wisdom and strength we could arrange the order of the world in a way more conducive to man's good. Thus reasoning superficially, we become involved in a tangle whose details we criticize because we do not understand.

In reviewing the merits of universal law we usually proceed by the method born of insufficient study, superficial investigation, and accept circumstances as equivalent to undoubted assurance—the method of the pessimist.

With doubtful minds and blurred eyes we behold everywhere, especially in the great destructive phenomena of nature, only a bungling hand, and deliberately de throne creative purpose to enshrine instead some negation born of imperial reasoning, or recognize as authoritative and uncertain movements of chance. We are too prone to recognize only what, upon the face, seem to be defects, rather than searching for and duly acknowledging points of good. This is true in regard to our attitude towards our fellowmen, and in consideration of the order of the world.

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BETHEL, MAINE

heart of the meadow, is to one person an object of admiration. Another beholds a decaying vegetation that may breed contagion, an atmosphere fragrant with promise of storm, and we fully shaking his head he shivers, soul and body, in contemplation of north-west snow storms, drifted roads, and biting frosts at zero, several months hence. A beautiful day in June is to one person a delightful spell in the long run of daily labor and care, to another it is a "weather breeder."

Not always a matter of temperament, but more frequently ingratitude, and the result of neglected opportunity to learn of God's goodness and the impartial distribution of His wise ministrations in the world.

The fact that perfection is the result of time is not sufficiently impressed upon our minds. Even Divinity must select methods of work. Before passing judgment upon His works, we should remember that nothing finite is finished, that all phenomena of nature, that all incidents resulting from the operation of God's universal laws in human life must be considered in connection with those that follow.

What we behold is not a finished production, but a period of growth. Sometime—somewhere, by ways now infinitely beyond our comprehension, the mighty looms of God shall turn out the finished products according to the original design, such as only the infinite artist could conceive.

A. D. C.

TEACHERS ARE NOT PAID ENOUGH.

It is very desirable that this movement for better pay, should everywhere be extended to teachers. Never have the schools of this country had so important a part to play in our civilization as at the present time, and nothing else is so important about the schools as the qualification and character of the teachers. Monthly or yearly rates of payment of teachers that seemed ample 15 or 20 years ago are quite insufficient now. This is true with respect to the public schools, and it also applies to higher institutions, where the salaries of professors ought to be made sufficient to attract and hold a superior class of men. The problem is a very serious one, and it deserves careful consideration throughout the country. If there is one reason stronger than another why the taxing power should lay a firmer hand upon the growing wealth of great corporations and upon the income of vast private fortunes, it is because the state must adequately perform its responsible task of education. If there is to be compulsory attendance of schools, there must be schools worth the attending, and ample provision for all the children. If there is to be extension of child labor laws and better enforced exclusion of children from factories, mines, and various gainful employments, there must be developed such a system of education as to add immensely to the efficiency of the child when, at a later age, he joins the army of the breadwinners. Let us repeat, then, that the central fact in the school system is the teacher, and that we cannot expect to have the right sort of teachers in the long run without paying them enough to justify them in regarding their profession as a permanent calling rather than a temporary makeshift.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

MISS LUNA ABBOTT DEAD.

Miss Luna Abbott died at the residence of Mark Elliott at Rumford Point, Monday night. Miss Abbott was well known at the Falls, having been a teacher in the Pettengill school here. Miss Abbott was a young woman of independent character, and approached the death she well knew was near at hand, without fear or complaint. She had been a sufferer from consumption for some time, and knowing that she could not get well, made all arrangements for her funeral, including naming the character of the services, and the minister to officiate. The funeral occurred today, (Thursday), and was attended by Rev. E. W. Webber of the Universalist church.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 1907.

While we do not encourage indulgences, we believe the correction of the various so-called vices of men and women are to be brought about by other means than personal pleadings, forbidings, or well meant, but generally ill advised advice.

Throughout the world no creature save man, (and in certain things it is limited to so-called civilized man,) creates conditions that beget desires that lead to debasing actions.

Man is capable of rising to great moral heights; also of descending to depths of degradation almost unbelievable. These conditions are not the result of accidents, but of fundamental causes. It then follows that the cultivation of good and correction of evil involves finding and controlling the causes.

When first discovered by Europeans, the Indians were a moral, though uncivilized people; and had none of the bad habits that disgraced the majority of Europeans who came among them. It is said today that with all the distressing conditions imposed upon the red men, they average morally far better than the white race.

The inference is that living in close touch with nature, is conducive to moral strength. Yet it is not thinkable that a wild life is better altogether than our civilized customs. To argue that is to deny virtue to the great evolutionary force in the world, as well as the wisdom in the creation. There is no doubt that in the course of thousands of centuries the immutable law would work off the dregs and scum of human life, and give the world a clean wholesome race. But in the meanwhile shall we do nothing to help the progress?

Flowers are cultivated and great and rapid improvements made in them. If they do not show proper development, the floriculturist seeks and finds the cause, and removes it—not for one plant does he do this, but for all that are afflicted with blight.

Our thought is this; instead of making ourselves obnoxious to our friends, and more or less of a social nuisance, by trying to reform a few individuals, we find and understand the causes of both good and evil, and cultivate the former and eradicate the latter, not for one or a few, but for the whole people. If the effort and money that is expended now in trying to reform individuals, was applied to removing the causes that have produced the evil of whatever kind, great permanent good would result to all instead of temporary good to a few. Whether in individual lives or the life of a nation, a relief is not a cure. If a man has an appetite for strong drink, it is useless to try to destroy that appetite by pointing out to him the virtues of some man whose nature craves no stimulant. Fundamentally the alcoholic desire is created, not by acts of the individual person, but by the conditions of life that we live under, and hereditary taints.

Good food, good homes, reasonable hours of labor, and a feeling of independent manhood is a condition out of which no drunkards are evolved. That being the case, drunkenness can be cured by a system of government and business that provides the above de-

sirable conditions for all the people. Drunkenness is but one of many evils that arise from one or the other of the conditions above named.

We, then, as a New Year's thought, suggest that we all devote some time to the consideration of these matters, and see if more good resolutions cannot be made operative through the amelioration of the conditions that breed evil, and the removal of the causes for those conditions, than by giving personal and unwelcome advice to individuals whose habits may not please us. When an epidemic of yellow fever breaks out, more attention is given to correcting the cause than to curing individual cases; for it is well known that removal of the general cause will prevent new cases from developing.

Let us try and think out some way to remove the cause that creates—not in one man—but millions, the appetite for strong stimulating drinks.

The same or similar conditions produce nearly all the specific evils; and drunkenness is singled out because it is the more open and prominent of the many immoral practices.

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AT AUGUSTA.

During the next three months everyone will, or should be interested in what is going on at the State Capitol and the readers of the Citizen will be pleased to know that we have engaged the services of a special representative who will be on the ground at all times during the session of the legislature, and will give us a weekly report of the proceedings, with especial reference to things of interest to the people of Oxford county. This report will be up-to-date and accurate, and we invite the attention of our readers to this special feature.

BEYOND THE DEPTH.

The capacity to credit absurdities that characterize some editors grappling with problems that are not familiar to them is aptly illustrated in the following paragraph clipped from a local contemporary, that last week essayed to "go up against" an evil so far from home as the Mormon church. Says this paper:

"And then, when a bill was introduced, providing for a law compelling the registration of all births, deaths and marriages, in Idaho, not Utah, it passed the House but was defeated in the Senate by Mormon Senators, who argued that the occasional cases of illegitimacy which occur in every community are purely personal matters, and that it is highly indelicate for the State to inquire about them."

Defeated by Mormon Senators! Indeed! How many Mormons are in the United States Senate? Are there no Methodists, Universalists or other churchmen in the Senate? At last accounts there were a very few Democrats in the Senate, and quite a good sprinkling of Republicans. If the two or three Senators affiliated with the Mormons control the United States Senate, the Republican and Democratic members of that body are surely weaklings. The absurdity of such a thing is too manifest to require refutation, and one cannot help thinking that the writer of the paragraph has dwelt so long in the "one man realm," that he sees everything through a lens that is focused upon one or two men; and that their say so is sufficient to defeat a cause, no matter how good it may be.

ASSAULT CASE.

Friday forenoon, Dec. 28th, Mike Kazla, T. Koria, Joe McCloskey and Joe Alansky, were before Judge Johnson charged with assault upon Yule Sarawsky. The assault occurred in a pool room, and Sarawsky showed signs of hard usage. McCloskey appeared for the state, and Stearns for the defense. Judge Johnson imposed a fine of \$100 and costs upon each defendant. This was the limit under the law. All paid.

RIDLONVILLE.

by our Special Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgcombe and the Messrs. Edgcombe, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Goodwin, have returned to their home in Kennebecport, Me.

Mrs. William E. Vandenberg was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Clifford last Friday.

Esma, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Virgin, is ill of bronchitis. Rev. J. G. Fisher and twelve members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational church, enjoyed a sleigh ride Sunday afternoon to the White school house where they conducted services.

Mrs. A. B. Parsons is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Rev. A. G. Warner was in town this week on business relative to his duties as a member of the school committee.

Mrs. C. E. Swift of Andover, who has been visiting her nephew, Henry P. Holt, went to Canton Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Moses Coolidge.

Miss Mildred Westcott entertained a party of young people at her home on Granite street Saturday evening.

Leon Parsons and Timothy Bonney both received very pretty and serviceable pocket knives from their Sunday school teacher, M. C. McLeod, as a prize for good deportment.

Mrs. Rufus H. Douglass of North Jay visited her daughter, Mrs. Arthur R. Vandenberg, this week.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational church held a watch meeting Monday evening from 8 to 12 o'clock in the vestry.

Addie Whitman, who has been quite sick with a cold for several weeks, is much better and able to be out of doors.

Mrs. Rose V. Taylor's name was on the card bearing the lucky number that won the handsome toilet set valued at \$15.00, that was given away by the W. P. McDonald Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Small entertained the Upper Kumbia Club Wednesday evening at their home on Whitman street. The meeting was an unusually enjoyable one, being called a "Night of Fun." The program arranged by Mrs. Leon Small and Miss Fogg was as follows: Roll call, Witly Sayings; Reading, Mrs. D. E. Dickey; Comic Song, Leon M. Small; Song, Rev. James G. Fisher; Funny Story, written and read by T. C. Chaffee; Humorous Reading, Leon M. Small. In enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment was a collection of drawings representing titles of books, made by Mrs. Dickey, and the guessing of the books represented, occasioned considerable fun. After the program the evening was spent in singing college songs.

Edwin F. Fisher died Sunday morning, Dec. 23rd, after being sick several weeks of pneumonia. The funeral was held Wednesday, Dec. 26th, with Rev. James G. Fisher as officiating clergyman.

Florence Whitman is confined to the house with a cold.

The ladies of the community are cordially invited to hear an able speaker on Missionary work Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James G. Fisher on Granite street.

The annual meeting of the Golden Cross Society was held Friday evening in Mechanic Hall, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Noble Commander, J. M. Doyen; Vice-Noble Commander, Mrs. Rose Perkins; Worthy Prelate, Agnes Isabette; Keeper of Records, H. J. Binford; Financial Secretary of Records, Lulu Binford; Worthy Treasurer, Angie Doyen; Worthy Herald, Emma Park; Warden of Inner Gate, Hannah Wing; Warden of Outer Gate, Ira T. Wing; Past Noble Commander, Mary M. Parsons. Mrs. Parsons has held the office of Noble Commander for four years and discharged the duties attendant upon the office with credit to both herself and the organization. Ira T. Wing was named as delegate to attend the Grand commandery, and Mrs. Mary M. Parsons as alternate delegate. The installation of officers will take place Friday evening, Jan. 11th in Mechanic Hall, with Grand Commander, A. S. Angs of Augusta as installing officer. A supper will be served after the meeting and a social time enjoyed.

A special town meeting was called at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to act on the following articles: 1. To see if the town will vote to raise money to buy school books to take the place of those burned. 2. To see what action the town will take in regard to new quarters for the scholars of the central division schools and raise money, if necessary, for same. 3. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to prepare plans and specifications and obtain estimates of the cost of building a new High school building to take the place of the one burned, and report same at the annual town meeting.

CANTON HAPPENINGS.

As Observed and Told By The Citizen Reporter.

Nathan Waite has been quite ill and unable to attend school the past week. W. W. Blanchard spent Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Payson Smith and little son of Auburn have been visiting at J. P. Swasey's.

Miss Hazel Gilbert returned Saturday from a visit with her brother, J. N. Gilbert and family of Riddellville. G. C. Russell, E. W. Allen, A. P. Hutchinson and George Adkins of Livermore Falls were in town Wednesday of last week and attended the meeting of Anasagunticook Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Alice and Homer Rowe have been spending their vacation at their home. The little daughter of Mrs. Maud Cushman, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swasey and daughter, Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wadlin and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Payson Smith and son, visited B. K. Swasey and family at West Peru last Sunday.

Mr. Charles Nash of Lewiston has been visiting W. E. Dresser of the Revere House.

Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Horton were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Morse the last of the week.

A special meeting of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., will be held Friday evening of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Webber of Rumford Falls spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dymont.

A family Christmas tree was held at the home of W. W. Blanchard Christmas night.

Mrs. Lucy A. Davis has received word of the serious ill health of her only daughter, Mrs. Harry Gordon of Providence, R. I., who is to leave for California the eighth of this month in the hope that the change of climate may be of some benefit to her. It will be remembered that Mrs. Gordon and daughter spent the summer here several years ago, and her many friends hope that her removal to the sunny climes of California will bring back health and strength.

Miss Agnes Merrill spent Christmas with her parents in Auburn.

Mrs. Wilbur Briggs has gone to Worcester, Mass., to join her husband, who has a good situation at that place. Harry G. Douglass and wife of Rumford Falls spent Christmas with A. W. Ellis and family.

Worst storm of the season on Christmas day, the roads drifting badly and preventing some of the children from attending school the remainder of the week.

The Misses Florence and Lucy Newman have been at home for a short vacation. Miss Florence also visited her brother, Henry Newman and family of Dixfield.

Miss Lila Gilbert of the Times office, Rumford Falls, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

At the box supper at the Grange Hall Thursday evening of last week, a good time was enjoyed by all present and a snug sum realized. After the sale and supper, dancing was participated in. A merry party came from the Point in a large team.

Judge Savage of the Supreme Court

There is lots of CHEAP AND UNWHOLESOME Confectionery on the market every where.

But the kind to sell to CIVILIZED PEOPLE is the PURE and GOOD.

I make nearly all the sugar and molasses candy sold in my store and GUARANTEE its Purity.

The CARMELS and The KISSES are the sweetest and most delicious tid-bits in town. Try them and you'll know what's what.

C. E. HOWE, 70 Congress St.

If you were running an engine would you run it till it stopped?
OR
would you look it over once a year and clean and oil it?
A Watch is more delicate than an engine and performs twice the work.
RENDALL the JEWELER
Thinks yours needs cleaning.

BISHOP LAWRENCE DENIES IT.

Authorized No Endless Prayer Chain. Rumford Falls Over Run with Them.

It sometimes seems almost impossible to over take a lie with the truth. The following was received by Mrs. E. W. Webber of Rumford Falls, from a stranger. It was postmarked Portland, Ind. The communication was written in a good hand, and evidently by a person of education. Others in town have received the same sort of epistle, from both friends and strangers.

There are two offenses in this letter, one, the writer is no doubt ignorant, and the other thoughtlessly innocent. In the first instance Bishop Lawrence did not authorize any such prayer chain, and more than that emphatically condemned the thing early last spring. No one has a right to circulate the prayer, with his name used as sponsor.

In the next instance the statement following the prayer contains a positive threat of harm, and such threats are actionable at law. Those who feel called upon to forward the prayer as requested, should bear in mind these two things, and not misrepresent Bishop Lawrence, nor lay themselves liable to prosecution.

The endless prayer chain:
Mrs. E. W. Webber, Rumford Falls, Maine. Oh Lord, Jesus Christ we implore Thee to have mercy on all mankind. Keep us from all sins by Thy precious blood and take us to be with Thee in Eternity. Amen.

This prayer was sent by Bishop Lawrence; he recommended it to be rewritten and sent to nine other persons; he who will not send it will be afflicted by some misfortune. One person who paid us heed met with a serious accident. Those who shall write this prayer for nine days and send to nine different persons commencing on the day they receive this, shall on the ninth day receive some great joy. It was said at Jerusalem at the Holy Feast that he who will write this prayer will be delivered from all calamity.

This is just as I received it, please do not break the chain. Copy and pass on. December 21st, 1906.

EAST DIXFIELD.

The people of Science Hill held their annual Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith. There were about twenty-five present. The evening was passed very pleasantly. There was a well filled tree of both useful and valuable presents. When the hour arrived for their departure, all felt that they still wished to continue their Christmas reunions, which were formed quite a number of years ago.

The churches and grange held their Christmas entertainment, Dec. 25, at the grange hall. In spite of the cold there was a good attendance.

The drama which was gotten up by the grange was played Friday evening in their hall, before the largest crowd known since its dedication. The pleasant evening and fine sleighing, a special orchestra to furnish the music, all helped to make the entertainment a success in every way. The play "The Stolen Will," was presented, and the parts were taken as follows:

Baroner, R. H. Douglass
Chip Winkle, Esq., L. V. Prescott
Master Markey Loker, Roy Douglass
George Jackson, W. F. Allen
Amos Wexley, W. W. Adams
Deacon Cuff, N. H. Campbell
Hon. Edward Enwright, Wallace Holmes
Tommy Sanders, Ralph E. Walter
The little burlesque policeman.

Footman, Arthur Killham
Sheriff, W. W. Adams
Leroy Jenkins
Chalo Wenley, Miss Lena Smith
Sarah Loker, Mrs. Flora Holmes
Madam Loker, Miss Abby May
Little Tom, Hazel Smith
Betsey Smith, Mrs. Emma Whittemore
Kathleen, Mahala Douglass
Miss Lila Allen and Miss Sallie Smith have spent their Christmas vacations at home.

Miss Hattie Smith has been at home to spend a short vacation through the holidays.

Leroy Jenkins and his schoolmate Arthur Killham, the Japanese boy, are to return to school Tuesday at Higgins Institute, Charleston.

Frank Holman and Walter Smith are picking apples for Henry Lowell Farmington.

"I had tried everything for my baby, until Dr. Lytle recommended Cascasweet. I can truthfully say it is the best medicine I ever used for babies. My little baby was a skeleton from stomach trouble—so that she did not notice anything, but is now entirely well, and we can almost see her grow.—Nannie L. Taylor, Bedford, Va." Cascasweet is sold by Bowers & Vallee.

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The Monday night bowling alley found Boy Severy second, and in third only six pins b It was the closest game

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. I York, who have been Falls for two weeks, home. Mr. Pilling was engineering department will.

Among the many valu gifts that came to Rum year, was a check to Lockness road, for \$100 to law, Frank McDonald, Pa.

Mr. P. A. Furbush of taking a course in the Repair Works in Phila Particular work he is in rebuilding and vulcanizin and earriage tires.

Representative Elwin went to Augusta Tuesday evening of this term of t and will spend most of t this winter, leaving his in charge of his partner, Blanchard.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. Harry Daniels was in town Monday.

John Tucker visited friends in Dixfield Tuesday.

The W. G. T. U. meets this afternoon with Mrs. F. B. Carroll.

The Oxford County Medical Association met at Mechanic Falls Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant of Dixfield were in town last Friday.

Mrs. S. L. Hammonds and Mrs. George Moy of Dixfield were in town shopping this week.

O. L. Blanchard returned last Saturday from a ten days' trip to the lumber lands of New Brunswick.

Artes E. Stearns went to Augusta Tuesday morning to attend the organization of the State Committee.

Bobby and Erceland Morrison returned to college at the University of Maine and Bowdoin Tuesday morning.

Marshall Reed returned to the University of Maine Monday, after spending the holiday vacation at his home in Frye.

C. F. Smith of New York, engineer in charge of supplies for the International Paper Co., was in town this week.

A Christmas tree, supper and entertainment was held Tuesday night in the Universalist church for the members of the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bemis, who have been the guests of Nahum Moore and wife, returned to their home in Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday.

Mrs. Ralph Lewis and the Misses Lewis of Madison, who have been visiting Mrs. John Neal, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Blase returned to their home in Exeter, N. H., Monday, after spending a week with Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Blase.

E. H. Stoddard, who was at the hospital in Portland for several weeks, returned to Rumford Falls last Friday very much improved in health.

On January 10th, Mr. Bennett B. Garon will give the play, "Hazel Kih," at the Opera House. Our people should not miss this entertainment.

Mrs. Charles P. Bennett and daughter, Alleen, who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Webber, left Monday for their home in New Gloucester.

Prof. W. E. Prince of the University of Maine, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McCarthy during the holidays, returned to Orono Tuesday.

Elliott W. Howe and Arthur E. Morrison went to Augusta this week to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Board of Trade.

Dr. Ivons Richmond and wife of East Bridgewater, Conn., visited his brother, F. H. Richmond this week, and spent Sunday with his father, Reuben Richmond of Byron.

Capt. F. C. Barker of Bemis was in town Monday on his way to Boston, preparatory to leaving for his usual winter trip to the various winter resorts of the South.

The Monday night roll off at the bowling alley found Boynton a winner, Bonney second, and Tucker trailed in third only six pins below high man. It was the closest game of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Pilling of New York, who have been at Rumford Falls for two weeks, have returned home. Mr. Pilling was engaged in the engineering department of the Bag mill.

Among the many valuable Christmas gifts that came to Rumford Falls this year, was a check to Mrs. Gill, 18 Lockness road, for \$100 from her son-in-law, Frank McDonald of Johnsbury, Pa.

Mr. F. A. Furbish of this place is taking a course in the Fisk Rubber Repair Works in Philadelphia. The particular work he is interested in is rebuilding and vulcanizing auto casings and carriage tires.

Representative Elwin H. Gleason went to Augusta Tuesday to attend the opening of the term of the legislature, and will spend most of the time there this winter, leaving his law business in charge of his partner, Lucian W. Blanchard.

Philip Karselson returned to the U. of M. Wednesday.

Captain Barrett of Bemis was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Waldo Linnell joined her husband Wednesday in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Smith of Carthage were in town over Sunday.

Miss Luella C. Perry is at the home of John Thompson of Rumford Center.

Miss Tina Bennett spent Sunday with friends in Dixfield.

Miss Margaret McKenzie has returned to Westbrook Seminary.

Mrs. R. B. Stratton of Houghton was in town this week.

Miss J. C. Michaels is spending a couple of months in Henderson.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Stanwood entertained Mr. Caldwell of Buckfield last week.

James McGregor has returned to Bangor, after spending the holidays with his family.

Miss Minnie Norton, who has been sick during the past week, is much improved in health.

Miss Ida Parlin has returned to Randolph, Mass., after spending the holidays at home.

Earl Daggett, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Pettengill, returned to Etta this week.

J. J. Bell has moved his family from the rent over Winslow's store on Congress street to Virginia.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Olan Chisholm held a New Year's Ball in McMenamin Hall Monday night.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford preached in the Free Baptist church of Canton last Sunday.

Lumbermen coming out of the woods north of Orono report a great deal of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woodsum visited Mr. and Mrs. Byron Pearce of West Peru, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary V. Burdett of Wakefield, Mass., is the guest of her son, H. O. Burdett.

Miss Lelia Walker returned Tuesday to Bangor where she is attending college.

Miss Maggie Dyan returned this week from a visit with relatives in Mechanic Falls.

Miss Shields of Groveton, N. H., was the guest of Mrs. John J. Bell last week.

Mrs. Ralph A. Curtis has resigned her position in the school at Canton and returned to Rumford Falls.

J. Atkins, General Manager of the Model Ladies' Tailoring Co., was in Boston on business a part of this week.

The tenement over Winslow's store on Congress street has been rented to Mrs. Wentworth of Freedom, Me.

Miss Agnes H. Russell returned Saturday from Portland where she visited her brother, Howard Russell and wife.

John Daley, who has been employed in the American Express Co.'s office here, has been transferred to Bangor.

Mrs. Nellie Cross and Robert Perzel spent Sunday at Bethel and were guests of Mrs. Cross' parents, L. N. Colburn and wife.

Services during the week of prayer were held in the Methodist church Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and were conducted by Rev. G. A. Martin. The services on Thursday and Friday evenings will be led by Rev. T. L. Frost in the Baptist church.

Judge Johnson imposed a fine of \$10 and costs, Monday morning, upon a fellow who was caught supplying liquor to prisoners in the lockup. The prisoner, whose name is one of the unspeakable and unpronounceable kind, was apprehended by special police officer, Joseph Gagnon.

A local restaurateur was waiting in one of the barber shops last week and became the victim of the trick cigar joker. He was nearly paralyzed with fright when the cigar exploded, for he was serenely unconscious of an impending disaster and it was some time before he realized that he had been made the victim of an old joke.

A social was given in the Methodist church New Year's eve by the Ladies' Aid Society. A literary and musical program was given, after which refreshments of cake and coffee were served. The social was in charge of Mrs. Everett K. Day and Mrs. A. L. Williamson, presidents of the society for the month of December.

Miss Ella Ames returned Tuesday from a visit in Buckfield.

L. B. Nason, representing the Portland district of the Continental Casualty Co., was in town on business Saturday.

Marie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perry of Mexico, was christened Sunday, Dec. 30th, by Rev. Fr. Barry.

The Misses Emma, George and Mary Duval spent New Year's day with their sister, Mrs. Bonford of Livermore Falls.

Joseph Fisher of the firm of Meteor & Fisher, spent last week at home, and has now returned to Etta where the firm have a large contract with the Maine Central railroad.

Rev. E. W. Webber's subject for the Sunday morning sermon at the Universalist church will be "Turning over a New Leaf." The evening lecture will be addressed by Rev. A. S. Blase.

Mrs. A. F. Frisbie and Mrs. F. W. Curran left Monday for Melrose to visit relatives. Mrs. Curran will return in about three weeks and Mrs. Frisbie will remain for several months.

George Kidder, who has been very ill with pneumonia for several weeks, was attended by Dr. Ivons Richmond of East Bridgewater this week and is under the care of a trained nurse from Lewiston. At this writing Mr. Kidder was quite a little better.

LIST OF DEPUTIES

As Announced to date by Sheriff Hubbard.

Sheriff Hubbard has given us the following list of deputies appointed to date: W. A. Bicknell, Norway; Harry L. Elliott, Rumford; Eben A. Poor, Rumford; George W. Dockham, Dixfield; W. L. Farrar, South Paris; Geo. W. Weeks, Porter; H. D. Cole, Woodstock; J. E. Bartlett, Stonham; W. A. Bassett, Lovell; Mr. Merrill, Hiram.

COMPOSED OF WOMEN.

Company Organized in Minnesota to Mine Garnets for Various Uses. The Alaska Garnet Mining & Manufacturing Co., of Minneapolis, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state Dec. 29th. The board of directors is composed entirely of women; in fact, there does not appear a man connected with the company. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and it will mine and manufacture garnets for use in jewelry and other things.

HUNDREDS OF CARS NEEDED.

700 Extras to Take Care of Cargoes of Vessels Now in Portland Harbor. Portland, Dec. 29.—As an indication of the tremendous business that is being done in railroad and steamship lines in Portland, Agent R. W. Scott of the Grand Trunk must between now and Monday procure 700 cargoes of the vessels now in port and those due the first of the week; this in addition to the 600 cars that are daily leaving the Grand Trunk yards for Canadian and Western points. These cars will all be in Portland by Monday morning and if they were to come at one time they would constitute a train 12½ miles long.

The congestion that makes this extra rolling stock necessary is brought about by the arrival at the Devona today with 1,400 tons, the Hungarian yesterday with 1,200 tons, the Cornishman Monday with over 2,000 tons of general cargo, and the steamer Mystic due tomorrow from Cape Breton with another consignment of the Grand Trunk's fifty thousand ton coal lot. The Mystic will bring 5,000 tons. This is exclusive of 10,000 tons of coal now on board vessels in the stream and 5,000 tons unloading at the coal piers.

In the first four days of next week over 3,000 carloads of cargo will be shipped from the Grand Trunk piers.

FIERY JAPS.

Little Brown Socialists Ready for General Revolution. San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Attention of secret service agents today was called to a paper published in Berkeley, entitled "Kakemono," or "the revolution," issued by the Japanese Socialist party containing an article in which reference is made to the attitude of President Roosevelt in the Japanese school question.

The following language is used: "We believe that such a thing as the trifling legislation which the capitalist class may from time to time fling to the workers will prove of no avail; that it is about as effective as the tiny stream from a baby's water gun thrown into a raging fire."

"Our policy is toward the overthrow of the Mikado, king and president as representing the capitalist class, as soon as possible, and we do not hesitate as to the means."

Marked copies of the papers were sent to members of the board of education in this city and by them turned over to federal authorities.

BETHEL.

Mr. Albert Copeland is having his hay pressed.

Harry Purington returned to Brunswick Tuesday.

Mr. W. B. Twaddle spent a few days in Upton last week.

Mr. Harry E. Mason came home from Boston for the holidays.

Mrs. Fred Chandler and daughters spent Christmas with her parents.

Miss Helen Blase went to Norway on business Tuesday morning.

Miss Gertrude Demerit spent the past week with friends in Auburn.

Mr. A. M. Edwards and family of Boston spent the holidays in Bethel.

Miss Miriam Herrick came home from Cambridge, Mass., for the holidays.

Mr. George Fickett of Portland has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Billings.

The Ladies' club will meet with Mrs. E. B. Whitney Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Mr. Fred Gorman has moved his family from South Paris back to Bethel.

Miss Margaret Walker was unable to return to school Tuesday on account of illness.

Francis and Harold Chandler spent Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason have returned from Gleasondale, Mass., where they spent Christmas.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge will hold a public installation on Monday evening, Jan. 7th, at I. O. O. F. Hall.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their annual meeting with Mrs. Frank Kendall, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 3rd.

Mrs. Loring Trask received the beautiful box of Quality Chocolates at Pushards', the lucky number being 49.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stearns are receiving congratulations on the birth of a little six pound daughter, Alberta Maybrey.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist Society will meet Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ames.

We are pleased to report that Prin. F. E. Hanscom and family, all of whom have been quite seriously ill for the past week, are able to be about again.

There will be a special meeting of Brown Relief Corps Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, at 2 p. m. sharp. All members are requested to be present. Per order of the President.

In spite of the very inclement weather on New Year's eve, a goodly number of people, young and old, attended the Epworth League social, which was held at the M. E. Parsonage. Pleasant games were indulged in until a late hour. A feature of the evening was a beautifully rendered solo by Miss Bessie Andrews, which was enthusiastically encored.

Mr. Isaac S. Morrill is supervising his own lumbering operations this winter on land of Elias Thomas, of Portland, in Chapman Brook territory, cutting spruce, birch and other timber for his saw mill. A few years ago this spruce was so hard to reach that it would not pay for the getting, but today with the advanced price much timber is being cut which was practically worthless a few years ago. Mr. Morrill is buying considerable birch and other lumber from farmers, who are cutting small lots from their farms.

Mrs. Ellen M. Sanborn, wife of Lewis A. Sanborn, was buried from her late home in Bethel Friday. Mrs. Sanborn has been in failing health for two years. She was 76 years of age. Her father was Jedediah Grover, Jr., the grandson of Deacon James Grover, one of the town's earliest settlers. The family is one of the most numerous and highly respected in town and from it there have gone out into other states men who have made for themselves national reputations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. F. I. Brown of South Portland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Penley and Mr. Frank Flint and family have moved into the home on High street recently purchased by Mrs. Penley.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chapman of South Paris are boarding with Mrs. H. H. Bean while Mr. Chapman substitutes for Mr. C. E. Valentine on his R. F. D. route.

The installation of officers of Purity Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 2nd, at Odd Fellows Hall, at 8 o'clock, confined to the members of the order.

There will be a public installation of the I. O. O. F. on Saturday evening. All Odd Fellows and their families, Rebekahs and Odd Fellows' widows are cordially invited to be present.

C. L. Davis has purchased a wood sawing outfit of the most modern type and announces to the public that he is prepared to saw their wood when they want it and how they want it. See his announcement in another column.

Olson Figuring.

"Beggins is railing at his fire insurance company."

"What for?"

"He says food has become so valuable that he ought to be able to recover the price of what the cook allows to burn."—Washington Star.

SOMETIME—SOMEWHERE

We are forcibly impressed with the frequent occasions one has of recalling the fact of the limitations set on the different lines of thought and action of mortal man. One need not seek far nor wait long for the proof of his weakness, when compared with Omnipotence. But the possibilities of man are worth considering, which fact has been adequately verified along many lines.

For instance,—it has been within his power to construct a machine that would utilize a great water course, and to establish an economy of labor almost incredible when considered with its wonderful products; but he cannot paint the gorgeousness of an autumnal landscape.

Man has been able to produce through much study, consummate skill and hard labor, the magnificent religious paintings that adorn the walls of the Vatican at Rome, and to win the coveted reputation by almost universal approval of "The greatest painter," but, as the artificial lights of man to the great sun of the heavens, so are the masterpieces of the most famous painters to the great pictures which His divine skill has wrought out upon the great canvases of the world.

Man cannot, even with the concentrated genius of his whole being, catch the sunset's changing gold and hang up before the gaze and for the admiration of thousands, without money and without price, the marvelous scenes of nature.

Of course, the more thoughtful of us and the more appreciative of God's handiwork, admire the wonderful products from the hands of the great masters of earth,—not because they are to be compared in grandeur and skill with the beauties of nature, but because of the power vested in man to wrought out upon the anvil of industry such fair imitations of the divine painter's works, and because such achievements bear eloquent testimony to the aspiring soul of man towards the ideal.

Compare the Madonnas of the great masters to the living Madonnas, duplicates of which can be found in any community. Those fair beings animated with maternal love, radiant with a never-tiring devotion, reflecting from their heart of hearts, the nearest approach to the love of God for the human soul, and how pitifully short of perfection falls the great masterpiece.

A thought worth considering in connection with this point is the fact that many geniuses of art and music have been born with, or have cultivated monstrous traits of eccentricity which were bound to manifest themselves in some of their productions in shades and tones so incongruous as not to bear any suggestion of harmony with the divine scheme of color or of melody, serving only to accentuate more forcibly the fact of the limit set to the thought and activity of man in his mortal sphere.

But we accept these productions on the merits won by the artist, and try to force ourselves, to be popular, to believe that the supreme excellence of the workmanship is simply beyond our comprehension, and we must acknowledge—verbally, not heartily—the beauty of his works.

Again, as another testimony of his finiteness, by strict adherence to the laws of hygiene, man may prolong life; and by observance of prescribed sanitary constitutions he may avoid infectious diseases, but when the tissues are already once within the subtle grasp of dissolution, however timely, under ordinary conditions, he cannot countermand the inevitable result.

Is it any wonder, then, that under this obvious and stubborn restraint we are sometimes discontented? How often under this spell we have wished we might have the power to adopt the conditions to our tastes and apparent needs, and, that, vested with infinite wisdom and strength we could arrange the order of the world in a way more conducive to man's good. Thus reasoning superficially, we become involved in a tangle whose details we criticize because we do not understand.

In reviewing the merits of universal law we usually proceed by the method born of insufficient study, superficial investigation, and accept circumstances as equivalent to undoubted assurance—the method of the pessimist.

With doubtful minds and blurred eyes we behold everywhere, especially in the great destructive phenomena of nature, only a bungling hand, and deliberately de throne creative purpose to enshrine instead some negation born of imperial reasoning, or recognize as authoritative and uncertain movements of chance. We are too prone to recognize only what, upon the face, seem to be defects, rather than searching for and duly acknowledging points of good. This is true in regard to our attitude towards our fellowmen, and in consideration of the order of the world.

The Autumnal landscape with its background of hills and mountains, dotted with crimson and gold, and its winding river cutting into the very

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heart of the meadow, is to one person an object of admiration. Another beholds a decaying vegetation that may breed contagion, an atmosphere fragrant with promise of storm, and woefully shaking his head he shivers, soul and body, in contemplation of north-west snow storms, drifted roads, and biting frosts at zero, several months hence. A beautiful day in June is to one person a delightful spell in the long run of daily labor and care, to another it is a "weather breeder."

Not always a matter of temperament, but more frequently ingratitude, and the result of neglected opportunity to learn of God's goodness and the impartial distribution of His wise ministrations in the world.

The fact that perfection is the result of time is not sufficiently impressed upon our minds. Even Divinity must select methods of work. Before passing judgment upon His works, we should remember that nothing finite is finished, that all phenomena of nature, that all incidents resulting from the operation of God's universal laws in human life must be considered in connection with those that follow.

What we behold is not a finished production, but a period of growth. Sometime—somewhere, by ways now infinitely beyond our comprehension, the mighty looms of God shall turn out the finished products according to the original design, such as only the infinite artist could conceive.

A. D. C.

TEACHERS ARE NOT PAID ENOUGH.

It is very desirable that this movement for better pay, should everywhere be extended to teachers. Never have the schools of this country had so important a part to play in our civilization as at the present time, and nothing else is so important about the schools as the qualification and character of the teachers. Monthly or yearly rates of payment of teachers that seemed ample 15 or 20 years ago are quite insufficient now. This is true with respect to the public schools, and it also applies to higher institutions, where the salaries of professors ought to be made sufficient to attract and hold a superior class of men. The problem is a very serious one, and it deserves careful consideration throughout the country. If there is one reason stronger than another why the taxing power should lay a firmer hand upon the growing wealth of great corporations and upon the income of vast private fortunes, it is because the state must adequately perform its responsible task of education. If there is to be compulsory attendance of schools, there must be schools worth the attending, and ample provision for all the children. If there is to be extension of child labor laws and better enforced exclusion of children from factories, mines, and various gainful employments, there must be developed such a system of education as to add immensely to the efficiency of the child when, at a later age, he joins the army of the breadwinners. Let us repeat, then, that the central fact in the school system is the teacher, and that we cannot expect to have the right sort of teachers in the long run without paying them enough to justify them in regarding their profession as a permanent calling rather than a temporary makeshift.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

MISS LUNA ABBOTT DEAD.

Miss Luna Abbott died at the residence of Mark Elliott at Rumford Point, Monday night. Miss Abbott was well known at the Falls, having been a teacher in the Pettengill school here. Miss Abbott was a young woman of independent character, and approached the death she well knew was near at hand, without fear or complaint. She had been a sufferer from consumption for some time, and knowing that she could not get well, made all arrangements for her funeral, including naming the character of the services, and the minister to officiate. The funeral occurred today, (Thursday), and was attended by Rev. E. W. Webber of the Universalist church.

LEGISLATIVE WHEELS BEGINNING TO TURN.

Both Branches Organized Wednesday Morning.
The Officers Elected.

Democrats Have a Working Minority. Senator Staples and His Resubmission Measure.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 2.—For the first time in the history of the oldest inhabitant there were no contests for the minor offices of the House and Senate in the Republican caucuses which were held last night.

The caucus of the Republican members-elect of the Senate was held in the council chamber and the following were nominated by acclamation:

President, Fred J. Allen of Sanford.

Secretary, Frank G. Farrington of Augusta.

Assistant secretary, S. Clement W. Simpson of Portland.

Messenger, Charles H. Lovejoy of Sidney.

First assistant messenger, James F. Ashford of Winsorville.

Mail carrier, F. Ray Neal of Waldo.

Folder, W. J. Fuller of Unity.

Assistant folder, John J. Dearborn of Newburgh.

Doorkeeper, Stephen D. Lord of Lebanon.

The caucus of the Republican members-elect of the House was held in Representatives hall and the following nominations were made by acclamation:

Speaker, Don A. H. Powers of Houlton.

Clerk, F. M. Thompson of Augusta.

Assistant clerk, Harry E. Coolidge of Pittsfield.

Postmaster, Harry P. Hawes of Vassboro.

Mail carrier, James A. Chase of Litchfield.

Messenger, Fred H. Hoar of Machias.

First assistant messenger, William J. Smith of Gardiner.

Second assistant messenger, William H. Holmes of Augusta.

First folder, Chapin Lydston of Litchfield.

Second folder, Joseph H. Dixon of Elliott.

Third folder, L. E. Thornton of Ashland.

Doorkeeper, Patrick Hayes of Chelsea.

Both branches of the 73d Maine Legislature organized today and are now ready for the business of the biennial session, which is expected will continue for three months.

The members-elect of the Senate were called to order by Secretary Dunbar and after the calling of the roll a message was sent to Gov. Wm. T. Cobb that a quorum of the members was present.

Gov. Cobb and the members of the executive council then entered the Senate chamber, the necessary oaths were administered and the Senate was ready for organization, which was perfected by the choice of officers. Fred J. Allen, of Sanford was chosen president and Frank G. Farrington of this city, secretary.

The usual orders were passed, a committee was appointed on the vote for governor and the regular routine of the opening of the session was transacted.

The House organized at the same hour as the Senate. The governor was informed that the members-elect of the House were ready to take the oath of office.

Attended by the members of the council and the heads of State departments Governor Cobb entered the hall, walked down the main aisle and ascended the platform.

He read the oath to the members and they repeated it after him. The House then was duly constituted a body and proceeded with its business.

Don A. H. Powers of Houlton was elected speaker and E. M. Thompson of Augusta, clerk.

Tomorrow will be inauguration day, and the State House will be crowded.

Governor William T. Cobb will take the oath of office for his second term and deliver his inaugural address.

This will be the gala day of the week at the capitol.

Governor Cobb is giving no information as to the recommendations he will make in his forthcoming message to the Legislature.

It has been rumored today around the State House that he will recommend the resubmission of the prohibitory amendment, but the rumor is not generally regarded as credible.

All the four candidates for councilor from the York and Oxford districts are here—Dr. John C. Stewart of York, Horace Mitchell of Kittery, Charles Adams of Limerick and Leroy Pike of Cornish.

The impression prevails that Mr. Mitchell will win out in the Androscoggin district this evening.

didates for a seat in the Governor's council are Jesse Libby of Mechanic Falls, Scott Libby of Lewiston and W. S. Hinkley of Lisbon. The result of this contest is very doubtful, although Scott Libby would appear to have the inside track.

There is no doubt that Arthur I. Brown of Belfast, deputy Secretary of State, will be nominated for Secretary of State. It is thought not unlikely that his only competitor, William S. Cotton, will withdraw before the caucus of this evening.

The contest for State treasurer still goes merrily on between Kendall M. Dunbar and Pascal P. Gilmore. Dunbar says he feels confident of the nomination, while the friends of Gilmore declare him to be a sure winner.

For the office of State assessor, made vacant by the retirement of E. M. Simpson of Bangor, there are three contestants, Lucius C. Morse of Liberty, William J. Thompson of South China and Edwin M. Johnstone of Brownville. It is thought the chances favor the nomination of Thompson with Johnstone a close second.

For attorney general, Hannibal E. Hamlin of Ellsworth will probably be renominated by acclamation as will also A. W. Gilman for commissioner of agriculture.

The Democrats have a working minority in the House, the largest for years and they are determined to be heard during the next three months as they have never been heard before.

Their caucus on Tuesday night was lively and interesting and resulted in the following nominations:

The Nominations.

President of Senate, Oakley C. Curtis of Portland.

Secretary of Senate, J. Clement Murphy of Augusta.

Assistant Secretary, Charles P. Loring of Auburn.

Senator Staples presided at the caucus and Senator Garcelon acted as secretary.

The House Democrats made the following nominations.

Speaker, Charles F. Johnson of Waterville.

Clerk, Leonard V. Clark of Auburn.

Assistant clerk, Walter Philson of Auburn.

Messengers, Frank I. Allen of Portland, Arthur Leonard of Morrill, Frank Miller of Camden.

Postmaster, Eugene I. Cummings of Westbrook.

Mail carrier, George A. Murphy of Lewiston.

Folders, A. H. Norton of Biddeford, A. P. Gray of Warren, Harry Mansfield of Jonesport.

Doorkeepers, J. F. Fernald of Portland, F. C. Deering of Augusta.

Hon. Charles F. Johnson of Waterville was chairman of the House caucus, and Andrew P. Harvey of Sullivan was clerk.

After the nominations were made the question of introducing a resolve for the repeal of the Sturgis law and for the resubmission of the fifth amendment of the constitution called forth quite a heated discussion.

The report by Senator Curtis of Cumberland county was to the effect that the matter should be left to the joint committee of both branches who are to have the matter of the legislation of the minor party in charge.

Some of the members wanted to delay until after the message of the governor had been delivered tomorrow, but this called forth the ire of Senator Staples of Knox immediately, and he very eloquently asserted that when he spoke to the people who elected him to the position which he now had the good fortune to occupy, he iterated and reiterated the fact that if elected to the upper branch of the legislature of Maine he would do all in his power to rid the state of the most obnoxious law—the Sturgis law; and he asserted that he would keep that vow to the letter and that the first thing Wednesday morning he should introduce a bill to repeal that law and no committee should dictate to him what he should do and what he should not do. Being a Democrat he believed in those principles and should act upon them.

Senator Moore of Saco agreed with Senator Staples that the Democrats ought to put the measure in the legislative first and thought that Senator Staples should be allowed to do so if he wanted to.

The following councilor nominations were made: Lamont H. Stevens of Wells, James H. Kelleher of Portland, A. A. Miller of Hartland, George E. Hughes of Bath, Walter J. Creamer of Stockton Springs, David T. Saunders of Greenville, Peter Charles Gegan of Van Buren.

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Representative McKenney of Bridgton begged for harmony and reminded the Democrats that the Republicans have always claimed that when the Democrats once get into power they stop over and he was exceedingly anxious that their opponents might not have that opportunity at this time.

Despite all that was said to the contrary Senator Staples still insisted that in should go his bill early Wednesday morning. It is as follows:

In the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven. An act to repeal chapter 93 of the laws of 1905 entitled, An act to provide for the better enforcement of the laws against the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Sec. 1.—Chapter 93 of the laws of 1905 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2.—This act shall take effect when approved.

Resolved for amendment to the constitution by abrogating and annulling amendment five adopted on the 8th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the constitution of the State is proposed, viz: Amendment five of the constitution adopted on the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, is hereby abrogated and annulled.

Resolved, that the aldermen of cities, selectmen of towns and assessors of plantations in this State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations in the manner prescribed by law at the September election next ensuing after the passage and approval of these resolves to give in their votes on the question whether the amendment to the constitution proposed in the foregoing resolve shall be made and the question proposed in the resolve shall be: "Shall the constitution be amended so as to abrogate and annul amendment five of the constitution, adopted on the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors?"

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of said amendment expressing it by the word "yes" upon their ballots and those opposed to said amendment expressing it by the word "no" upon their ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meeting, and lists of the votes so received shall be made and returned to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor, and the Governor and Council shall count the same and make return to the Legislature, and if a majority of the votes are in favor of said amendment the constitution shall be amended accordingly.

Resolved, that the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the various cities and towns ballots and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolve, accompanied with a copy thereof.

Thursday Morning.

After several lively contests last evening, the following nominations were made by the Republicans:

U. S. Senator, William P. Frye of Lewiston.

Secretary of state, Arthur I. Brown of Belfast.

State treasurer, Pascal P. Gilmore of Bucksport.

Attorney general, Hannibal E. Hamlin of Ellsworth.

State assessor, Wm. J. Thompson of China.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Augustus W. Gilman of Foxcroft.

State binder, William H. Reed of Augusta.

Councilors, Leroy T. Pike of Cornish, Theobald S. Burns of Westbrook, W. Scott Libby of Lewiston, Charles D. Newell of Richmond, Thomas Libby of Vinalhaven, Angus F. Daggett of Sanville and Charles F. Daggett of Braganza.

At the Democratic caucus held last night the following nominations were made:

U. S. Senator, Wm. M. French of Portland.

State treasurer, Thomas J. Lynch of Augusta.

Commissioner of Agriculture, H. W. Shibles of Morrill.

No nominations were made for State binder or member of the board of assessors.

The following councilor nominations were made: Lamont H. Stevens of Wells, James H. Kelleher of Portland, A. A. Miller of Hartland, George E. Hughes of Bath, Walter J. Creamer of Stockton Springs, David T. Saunders of Greenville, Peter Charles Gegan of Van Buren.

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"Sec. 3398. The absence of the proper revenue stamp on any box of cigars sold, or offered for sale, or kept for sale, shall be notice to all persons that the tax has not been paid thereon, and shall be prima-facie evidence of the non-payment thereon, and such cigars shall be forfeited to the United States."

The above forbids the removal of covers of cigar boxes prior to the sale of the entire quantity of cigars contained therein. The covers may lawfully be bent backward, and folded underneath the box, but in no instance should they be detached until all of the cigars have been disposed of.

The public should be cautioned in relation to the strict provisions of the law imposing upon the person who employs a cigar box, the duty of destroying the stamp. Section 3416, which provides for this action, is as follows:

"Sec. 3416. Whenever any stamped box containing cigars, cheroots, or cigarettes, is emptied, it shall be the duty of the person in whose hands the same is to destroy utterly the stamps thereon. Any person who willfully neglects to refuse so to do shall, for each such offense, be fined not exceeding fifty dollars and imprisoned not less than ten days nor more than six months. And any person who fraudulently gives away or accepts from another, or who sells, buys, or uses for packing cigars, cheroots, or cigarettes, any such stamped box, shall for each such offense, be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars and be imprisoned not more than one year. Any revenue officer may destroy any emptied cigar-box upon which a cigar stamp is found."

TILLMAN STILL TALKING.

Denounces Roosevelt and Says He's Ready to Lead a Mob.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—"Roosevelt does not know anything about the negro and every time he touches him he makes a mess of it. He had no business discharging the negro troops at Brownville before making a careful investigation. I doubt very much

whether or not he is vested with the authority to take such matters in his own hands anyway."

Thus spoke United States Senator Benjamin R. Tillman here today. Speaking of lynching, which he said would continue as long as the crime of rape continued, the senator exclaimed:

"With the gun on my lips to uphold the law, I would lead a mob any day to lynch a man, black or white, who had ravished a woman."

SOUTH PARIS.

The students from the University of Maine who spent the holidays here, returned Tuesday.

Miss Manda Carter returned to her school in Dorchester this week.

Harry Edfield, who is attending Bardett Business College, is at home for a vacation.

Bertha Merrill, eldest daughter of Charles Merrill, is in the hospital at Lewiston for treatment.

E. F. Bassett and Frank E. Kimball returned from West Berlin recently.

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THE MAN ON THE BOX

By HAROLD MacGRATH.

The Woman: Well, then, I am 40, while you stand on the threshold of the adorable 20s. (Walks over to picture taken 18 years before and contemplates it.) Ah, to be 20 again; to start anew, possessing my present learning and wisdom, and knowledge of the world; to avoid the pits into which I so carelessly stumbled! But no!

The Girl: Mercy! what have you to wish for? Are not princes and ambassadors your friends; have you not health and wealth and beauty? You wish for something, you who are so handsome and brilliant!

The Woman: Blinds, my dear Betty, only blinds; for that is all beauty and wealth and wit are. Who sees behind eyes scars of many wounds. You are without a mother, I am without a child. (Sits down beside the girl and takes her hand in hers.) Will you let me be a mother to you for just this morning? How can any man help loving you! (Impulsively.)

The Girl: How foolish you are, Grace!

The Woman: Ah, to blush like that! The Girl: You are very embarrassing this morning. I believe you are very sentimental. Well, my handsome mother for just this morning, what is it you have to say to me? (Jestingly.)

The Woman: I do not know just how to begin. Listen. If ever misfortune should befall you, if ever misfortune should entangle you, you will promise to come to me?

The Girl: Misfortune? What is on your mind, Grace?

The Woman: Promise!

The Girl: I promise. (Laughs.)

The Woman: I am rich. Promise that if poverty should ever come to you, you will come to me.

The Girl (puzzled): I do not understand you at all!

The Woman: Promise!

The Girl: I promise; but—

The Woman: Thank you, Betty.

The Girl (growing serious): What is all this about, Grace? You look so earnest.

The Woman: Some day you will understand. Will you answer me one question as a daughter would answer her mother?

The Girl (gravely): Yes.

The Woman: Would you marry a title for the title's sake?

The Girl (indignantly): I?

The Woman: Yes; would you?

The Girl: I shall marry the man I love, and if not him, nobody. I mean, of course, when I love.

The Woman: Blushing again? My dear, is Karloff anything to you?

The Girl: Karloff? Mercy, no. He is handsome and fascinating and rich but I could not love him. It would be easier to love—to love my groom outside.

(They both smile.)

The Woman (grave once more): That is all I wished to know dear. Karloff is not worthy of you.

The Girl (sitting very erect): I do not understand. Is he not honorable?

The Woman (hesitatingly): I have known him for seven years; I have always found him honorable.

The Girl: Why, then, should he not be worthy of me?

The Woman (lightly): Is any man?

The Girl: You are parrying my question. If I am to be your daughter, there must be no fencing.

The Woman (rising and going over to the portrait again): There are some things that a mother may not tell even to her daughter.

The Girl (determinedly): Grace, you have said too much or too little. I do not love Karloff. I never could love him; but I like him, and liking him, I feel called upon to defend him.

The Woman (surprised into showing her dismay): You defend him? You!

The Girl: And why not? That is what I wish to know; why not?

The Woman: My dear, you do not love him. That is all I wished to know. Karloff is a brilliant, handsome man, a gentleman, his sense of honor, such as it is, would do credit to many another man; but behind all this there is a power which makes him helpless, makes him a puppet, and robs him of certain worthy impulses. I have read somewhere that corporations have no souls; neither have governments. Ask me nothing more, Betty, for I shall answer no more questions.

The Girl: I don't think you are treating me fairly.

The Woman: At this moment I would willingly share with you half of all I possess in the world.

The Girl: But all this mystery!

The Woman: As I have said, some day you will understand. Treat Karloff as you have always treated him, politely and pleasantly. And I beg of you never to repeat our conversation.

The Girl (to whom illumination suddenly comes; rises quickly and goes over to the woman; takes her by the shoulders, and the two stare into each other's eyes, the one searchingly, the other fearfully). Grace!

The Woman: I am a poor, foolish woman, Betty, for all my worldliness and wisdom; but I love you (softly), and that is why I appear weak before you. The blind envy those who see, the deaf those who hear; what one does not want another can not have. Karloff loves you, but you do not love

him.

(The girl kisses the woman gravely on the cheek, and without a word, makes her departure.)

The Woman (as she hears the carriage roll away): Poor girl! Poor, happy, unconscious, motherless child! If only I had the power to stay the blow! . . . Who can it be, then, that she loves?

The Girl (in her carriage): Poor thing! She adores Karloff, and I never suspected it! I shall begin to hate him.

How well women read each other! James had never parted with his rose and his handkerchief. They were always with him, no matter what misery he wore. After luncheon, William said that Miss Annesley desired to see him in the study. So James spruced up and duly presented himself at the study door.

"You sent for me, Miss?"—his hat in his hand, his attitude deferential and attentive.

She was engaged upon some fancy work, the name of which no man knows, and if he were told, could not possibly remember for longer than ten minutes. She laid this on the reading-table, stood up and brushed the threads from her little two-by-four cambric apron.

"James, on Monday night I dropped a rose on the lawn. (Finds thread on her sleeve.) In the morning when I looked for it (brushes the apron again), it was gone. Did you find it?"

She made a little ball of the struggling threads and dropped it into the waste-basket. A woman who has the support of beauty can always force a man to lower his gaze. James looked at his boots. His heart gave one great bound toward his throat, then sank what seemed to be fathoms deep in his breast. This was a thunderbolt out of heaven itself. Had she seen him, then? For a space he was tempted to utter a falsehood; but there was that in her eyes which warned him of the uselessness of such an expedient. Yet, to give up that rose would be like giving up some part of his being. She repeated the question: "I ask you if you found it?"

"Yes, Miss Annesley."

"Do you still possess it?"

"Yes, Miss."

"And why did you pick it up?"

"It was fresh and beautiful; and I believed that some lady at the dinner had worn it."

"And so you picked it up? Where did you find it?"

"Outside the bow-window, Miss."

"When?"

He thought for a moment. "In the morning, Miss."

"Take care, James; it was not yet 11 o'clock at night."

"I admit what I said was not true, Miss. As you say, it was not yet 11."

James was pale. So she had thrown it away, confident that this moment

would arrive. This humiliation was premeditated. Patience, he said, inwardly; this would be the last opportunity she would have to humiliate him.

"Have you the flower on your person?"

"Yes, Miss."

"Did you know that it was mine?"—mercilessly.

"Yes; but I believed that you had deliberately thrown it away. I saw no harm in taking it."

"But there was harm."

"I bow to your superior judgment, Miss."—ironically.

She deemed it wisest to pass over this experimental irony. "Give the flower back to me. It is not proper that a servant should have in his keeping a rose which was once mine, even if I had thrown it away or discarded it."

Carefully he drew forth the crumpled flower. He looked at her, then at the rose, hoping against hope that she might relent. He hesitated till he saw an impatient movement of the extended hand. He surrendered.

"Thank you. That is all. You may go."

She tossed the withered flower into the wastebasket.

"Pardon me, but before I go I have to announce that I shall resign my position next Monday. The money which has been advanced to me, deducting that which is due me, together with the amount of my fine at the police-court, I shall be pleased to return to you on the morning of my departure."

Miss Annesley's lips fell apart, and her brows arched. She was very much surprised.

"You wish to leave my service?"—as if it were quite impossible that such a thing should occur.

"Yes, Miss."

"You are dissatisfied with your position?"—lightly.

"It is not that, Miss. As a groom I am perfectly satisfied. The trouble

lies in the fact that I have too many other things to do. It is very distasteful for me to act in the capacity of butler. My temper is not equable enough for that position."

"Very well. I trust that you will not regret your decision."

She sat down and coolly resumed her work.

"It is not possible that I shall regret it."

"You may go."

He bowed again, one corner of his mouth twisted. Then he took himself off to the stables. He was certainly in what they call a towering rage.

If I were not a seer of the first degree, a narrator of the penetrative order, I should be vastly puzzled over this singular action on her part.

CHAPTER XXII.

THE DRAMA UNROLLS.

It is half after eight; the curtain rises; the music of a violin is heard coming from the music-room; Col. Annesley is discovered sitting in front of the wood fire, his chin sunk on his breast, his hands hanging listlessly on each side of the chair, his face deeply lined. From time to time he looks at the clock. I can imagine no sorrier picture than that of this loving, tender-hearted, wretched old man as he sits there, waiting for Karloff and the "ignominious" end. Fortune gone with the winds, poverty leering into his face, shame drawing her red fingers across his brow, honor in sackcloth and ashes!

And but two short years ago there had not been in all the wide land a more contented man than himself, a man with a conscience free. God! Even yet he could hear the rolling, whirling ivory ball as it spun the circle of that fatal night at Monte Carlo. Man does not recall the intermediate steps of his fall, only the first step and the last. In his waking hours the colonel always heard the sound of it, and it rattled through his troubled dreams. He could not understand how everything had gone as it had. It seemed impossible that in two years he had dissipated a fortune, killed his honor, beggared his child. It was all so like a horrible dream. If only he might wake; if only God would be so merciful as to permit him to wake! He hid his face. There is no hell save, conscience makes it.

The music laughed and sighed and laughed. It was the music of love, and youth; joyous, rollicking, pulsing music.

The colonel sprang to his feet suddenly, his hands at his throat. He was suffocating. The veins gnarled on his neck and brow. There was in his heart a pain as of many knives. His arms fell; of what use was it to struggle? He was caught, trapped in a net of his own contriving.

Softly he crossed the room and stood by the portiere beyond which was the music-room. She was happy, happy in her youth and ignorance! she could play all those sprightly measures, her spirit as light and conscience-free; she could sing, she could laugh, she could dance. And all the while his heart was breaking, breaking!

"How shall I face her mother?" he groaned.

The longing which always seizes the guilty to confess and relieve the mind came over him. If only he dared rush in there, throw himself at her feet, and stammer forth his wretched tale! She was of his flesh, of his blood; when she knew she would not wholly condemn him . . . No, no! He could not. She honored and trusted him now; she had placed him on so high a pedestal that it was utterly impossible for him to disillusion her young mind, to see for ever and ever the mute reproach in her honest eyes, to feel that though his arm encircled her she was beyond his reach . . . God knew that he could not tell this child of the black gulf he had dugged for himself and her.

The bell sang its buzzing note; there was the sound of crunching wheels on the driveway; the music ceased abruptly. Silence. A door opened and closed. A moment or so later Karloff, preceded by the girl, came into the study. She was grave because she remembered Mrs. Chadwick. He was grave also; he had various reasons for being so.

"Father, the count tells me that he has an engagement with you," she said. She wondered if this appointment in any way concerned her.

"It is true, my child. Leave us and give orders that we are not to be disturbed."

She scrutinized him sharply. How strangely hollow his voice sounded! Was he ill?

"Father, you are not well. Count, you must promise me not to keep him long, however important this interview may be. He is ill and needs rest,"—and her loving eyes caressed each line of care in her parent's furrowed cheeks.

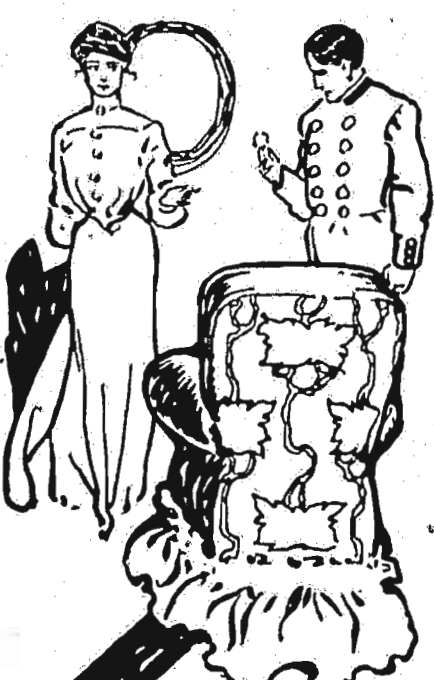
Annesley smiled reassuringly. It took all the strength of his will, all that remained of a high order of courage, to create this smile. He wanted to cry out to her that it was a lie, a mockery. Behind that smile his teeth grated.

"I shall not keep him long, Mademoiselle," said the count. He spoke gently, but he studiously avoided her eyes.

She hesitated for a moment on the threshold; she knew not why. Her lips even formed words, but she did not speak. What was it? Something oppressed her. Her gaze wandered indecisively from her father to the count, from the count to her father.

"When you are through," she finally said, "bring your cigars into the music-room."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



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The Engine Santa Forgot, Eva Bartlett
Christmas Reflections, Nelson Bartlett
Song, Five Girls
Christmas Greeting, Dora Farrar
Christmas, Nine Scholars
Father Christmas, Frankie Bean
Duet, Mrs. Bartlett and Beam
Marriage of Santa Claus, Evelyn Bartlett
Willie's Christmas Prayer, Urban Bartlett

Kittie and Santa Claus, Lyla Bartlett
An Old Roundman's Story, John Howe
Dorothy's Afterthought, Etta Goodwin
Song, Susie Bean
Santa Claus, Ethel Cole
Two Little Stockings, Marjorie Farrar
Joe, Bortha Cole
Solo, Mrs. Tavia Bean
Santa Claus on Train, Eva Bean
Swigsey's Xmas Dinner, Albert Swan
The Xmas Dream, Viola Bartlett

The stage was draped with the school flag and the hall was prettily decorated with paper chains and Christmas bells. Two trees were covered with lovely gifts and tables were loaded with books, china and pictures. Much credit is due Miss Whidder for a very pleasant Christmas. A treat was served and all returned to their homes with a feeling of "Peace and good will" to all.

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We are offering the same low prices on our broken lots and sizes. A few men's suits, broken lines, but all sizes in the different patterns. All wool goods and well made. Regular \$12.00 and \$15.00, sale price to close at \$7.50.

Ladies' Hosiery

Ladies' Cashmere hose the regular 25c quality. We will put on a limited quantity for this sale at two pairs for 25c.

Any one presenting a copy of this advertisement from either paper, the "CITIZEN" or the "TIMES" together with a purchase of one dollar or more we will present free of charge any Ladies' collar they may select from our 50c. line.

500 Yards Print

In light and dark effects, all nice clean goods. The regular 7c and 8c prints for this sale, ten days only, 4c per yard.

500 Yards Lockwood Cotton

Everybody knows what this cotton is without us telling you. We will place on sale 500 yards of Lockwood A cotton at 8c a yard, the Lockwood B cotton at 7c a yard.

100 Yards of Outing Flannels

Nice patterns but some in short lengths, others are good lengths, all perfect goods, regular 12c goods. On sale for ten days only at 7c per yard.

500 Yards of Figured Lawns

In very pretty effects. We will clean this lot up at a big sacrifice to us. They always sell at 12c to 15c, we clean them up at 7c per yard.

Men's and Boys' Sweaters

A big line to select from at 35c. We can show you all wool sweaters, good heavy weight, that sold at \$2.00 and \$2.50, for ten days only at \$1.45.

500 Yards Silkoline

In very pretty patterns. We will clean this line up at a big reduction in price. All in good condition, sold 12c to 15c. We put this lot out at 9c per yard.

100 Yards Iderdown

All in good condition comes in pink and blue and always sold at 25c to 35c. We have only a small lot. It will go at this sale at 19c per yard.

25 Pairs of Bed Blankets

In white or gray, good big blankets, sold for 75c but they must go and we have marked them at 45c per pair.

Dress Goods

We have a few pieces of nice dress goods in dark colors all perfect and clean. They sold at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yard. We have placed them on sale for the ten days at the very low price of 35c, 45c, and 75c.

Children's Hosiery

In heavy cotton fleece lined, always sold for 15c to 25c per pair. Your choice of what we have left at 10c per pair.

Men's Overcoat Dep't

One line, all wool scratch mixture, good lengths with or without belted backs, formerly sold at \$12.50. We will close them out in this sale at \$6.50.

100 Yards Farmer's Flannel

This is a small lot and will go quick. Goods that sold at 30c, a quick clean up at 25c per yard.

50 Yards of Tan Covert Cloth

For cloaks; a nice, clean piece of goods but we only have 50 yards left. This sold at regular price for \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yard. Clearance sale price 59c per yard.

500 Yards Gingham

In short lengths, all good and clean in all shades and effects, goods that we always sell at 10c to 12c, we will put this lot on sale Thursday morning at 6c per yard.

Our Notion Dep't

We will include a few articles in this sale from our Notion Department and we will name over a few and the prices they will go at in this big sale.

Safety pins, all sizes, 3c per card. Common pins 1c per package. Narrow black velvet ribbon, 6 yard pieces at 10c per piece.

Baby ribbon, all colors, 1c a yard. Hooks and eyes, all sizes, 2 doz. on a card, 3c per card. 6 spools of silkoline at 25c. 25 doz. children's handkerchiefs to be sold at 1 cent each.

Men's Suspenders

At 15c per pair. Leather faced mittens to close at 35c. A big line of men's and boys' caps, all sizes, your choice 35c. Men's black fleece lined underwear, all sizes, your choice at 24c each.

Ladies' Collars White and Fancy

We will put on sale the largest and most complete line of ladies' collars ever shown in this county. Regular 50c, 75c and \$1.00, our sale price is 15c, 25c and 50c.

MORRIS MARX

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Outfitters,

Rumford Falls, Maine.

GROVER HILL.

We wish the Bethel News a prosperous 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Blake from Dunsmuir, N. H., were guests at the home of Mr. Blake's sister, Mrs. A. L. Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredland Bennett returned Saturday from Mechanic Falls where they have been for some weeks. Mrs. Bennett was quite ill for a number of weeks during her absence.

Mrs. Fannie Tyler of Mason visited at the home of her son, Maurice Tyler, one day last week.

C. E. Faine is making and selling sleigh driving boards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziba Durkee from Bethel village were here Sunday.

Three Browns have recently sold quite a quantity of hay to Ernest Morrill of Mason.

Maurice Tyler is hauling coal wood to West Bethel, also pulp wood to the river.

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BRYANT'S POND.

E. T. Swan and wife of Lawrence are at Charles Swan's.

Charles Hatch and wife of Saco are visiting at E. D. Cole's.

Arthur and Frank Goshman were at home through Christmas.

The cross roads were filled full of snow by the heavy blow following Monday's storm.

On account of the severe storm Christmas day the services at the Baptist church were postponed.

Harriet Rogers was in Portland last week.

Mrs. M. S. Howes preached Sunday, Dec. 30th.

Abbie Parham is starting in H. J. Libby's store.

Jenna M. Felt is spending a week's vacation at her home.

Old Chase is having two weeks' vacation from Hibernia Academy.

Rev. C. L. Snow of Norwich, Conn., is visiting at Estelle C. Pond's.

Ether Anderson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Coffin over Christmas.

Mrs. Ida Lomer and daughter, Winifred, left for Detroit recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowker of West Paris visited at J. L. Bowker's recently.

Robert Johnson and family of Rumford Falls spent Christmas with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Libby.

Clear up the complexion, cleanse the liver and tone the system. You can best do this by a dose or two of Dr. Williams' Little Family Pills. Safe, reliable little pills with a reputation that the whole world knows. Recommended by Bowens & Talles.

Be Remembered.

They had been married just a month. "Do you know what day this is?" she asked sweetly at the breakfast table.

"Yes," he answered, nervously, "this is the day I have to pay the second installment on that wedding ring."

—Southern Statesman.

BUCKFIELD.

N. E. Morrill is out again.

No school in town this week.

Laura Dent remains about the same.

Mildred Irish returned to Whitman, Mass., last week.

Allen Irish of Bethel spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Irish.

The ice harvest is in full blast. Two or three houses have been through the ice but have been rescued without damage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haskell of South Paris were guests of Mrs. Haskell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Crockett, last week.

Postmaster Cole says that Monday, Dec. 24th, was the busiest day he ever has known during his long term as postmaster, the cancellations for that day being nearly five times the average daily cancellations.

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LOCKER MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Penney spent Sunday with their parents at West Paris.

Charles Tibbets of the U. of M., who is spending the holidays at his home in Auburn, visited his father and brother here last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Burdett of South Paris has three pupils in music here.

Henry Cummings of Auburn has gone to North Rumford to work for Burdett and Tibbets Co. for the winter.

The "Johns Eight" met with Mrs. Annie Herrick last Friday afternoon and had a pleasant time. Mrs. F. A. Frost won first prize, Mrs. Perry Farrington second, and Mrs. Harriet Herrick third. Refreshments of chocolate and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Penney and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Partridge attended the New Year's ball at West Paris, Monday evening.

Mrs. Harriet Herrick was called to Massachusetts by the severe illness of her sister.

NORTH NORWAY.

Lake View Club gave Miss Mabel Needham a surprise party Dec. 22nd.

She received many fine presents, it being her birthday.

Notwithstanding the storm and blow, the people celebrated Christmas at the center church. Three trees were loaded and the exercises were fine. Rev. Mr. Riddett who preaches there is a member, was remembered with a purse of twelve dollars.

Mrs. Esther Noble's, (formerly of Upton,) funeral exercises were held at the center church, Dec. 23rd and the remains placed in the tomb at Pine Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Bertha Jenkins came from Upton the 28th and her three sons came the 29th to visit relatives.

Teacher and scholars at Swift's Corner played a drama, "All Tangled Up," to an admiring audience, Dec. 29th. A box supper and social followed.

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